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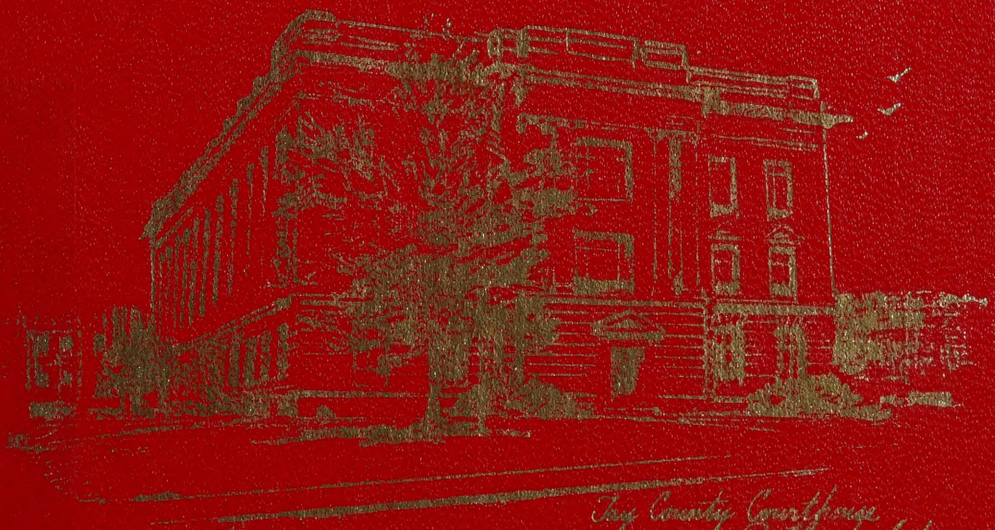

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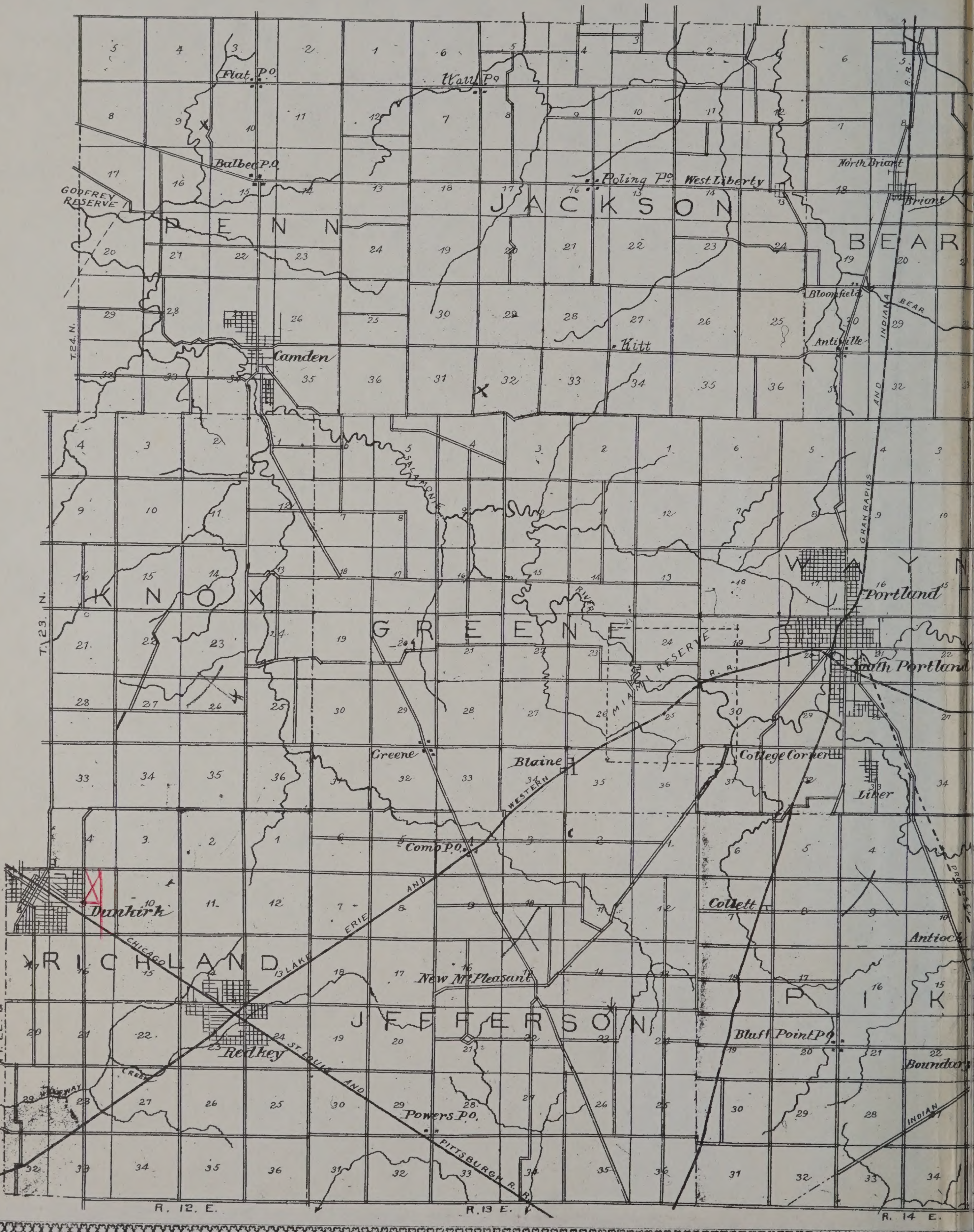
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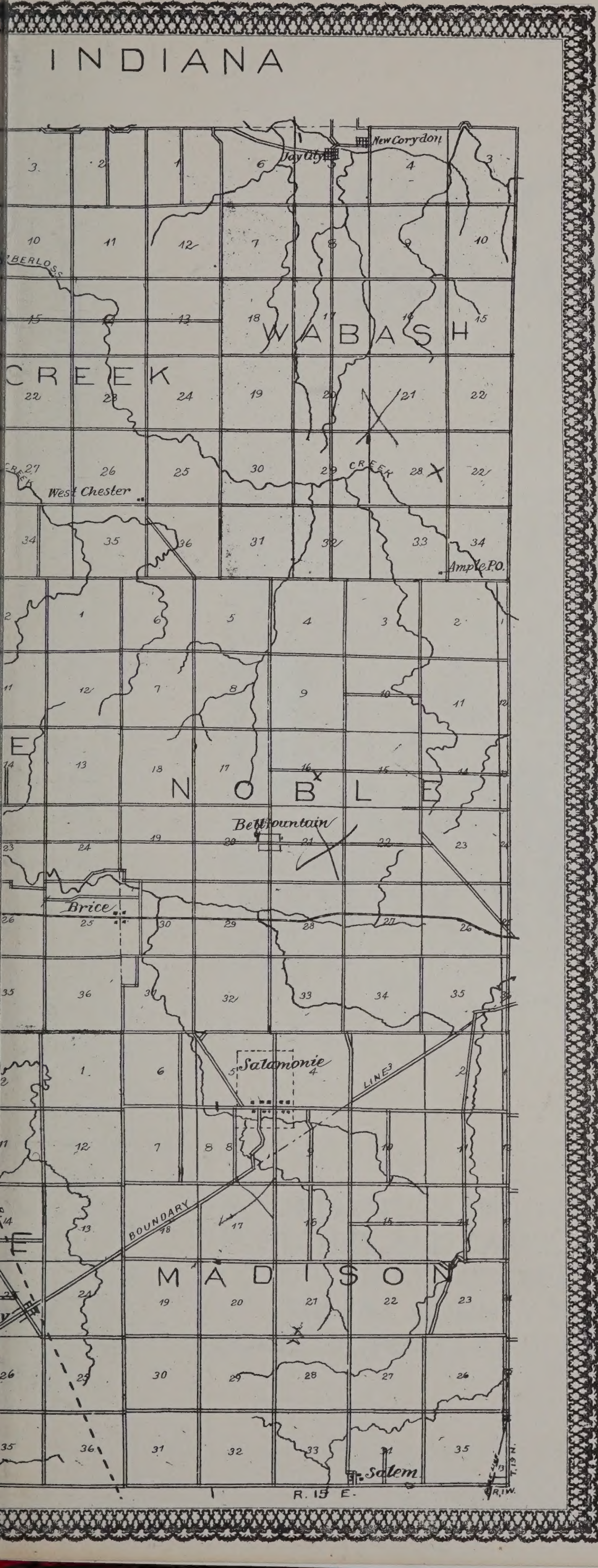
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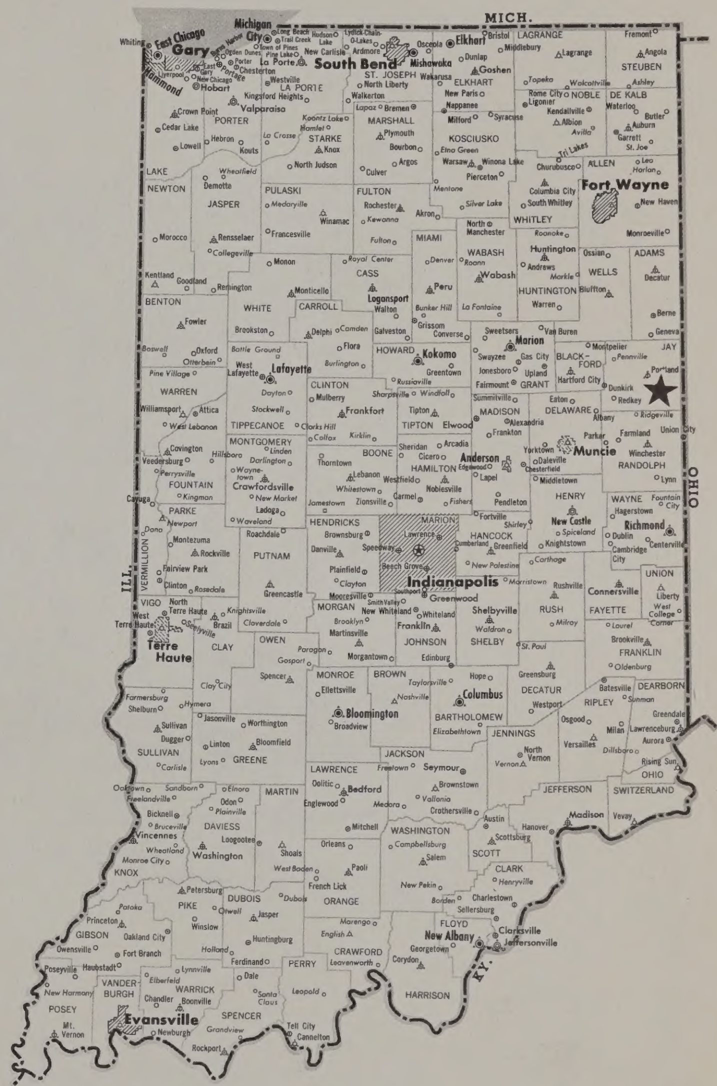
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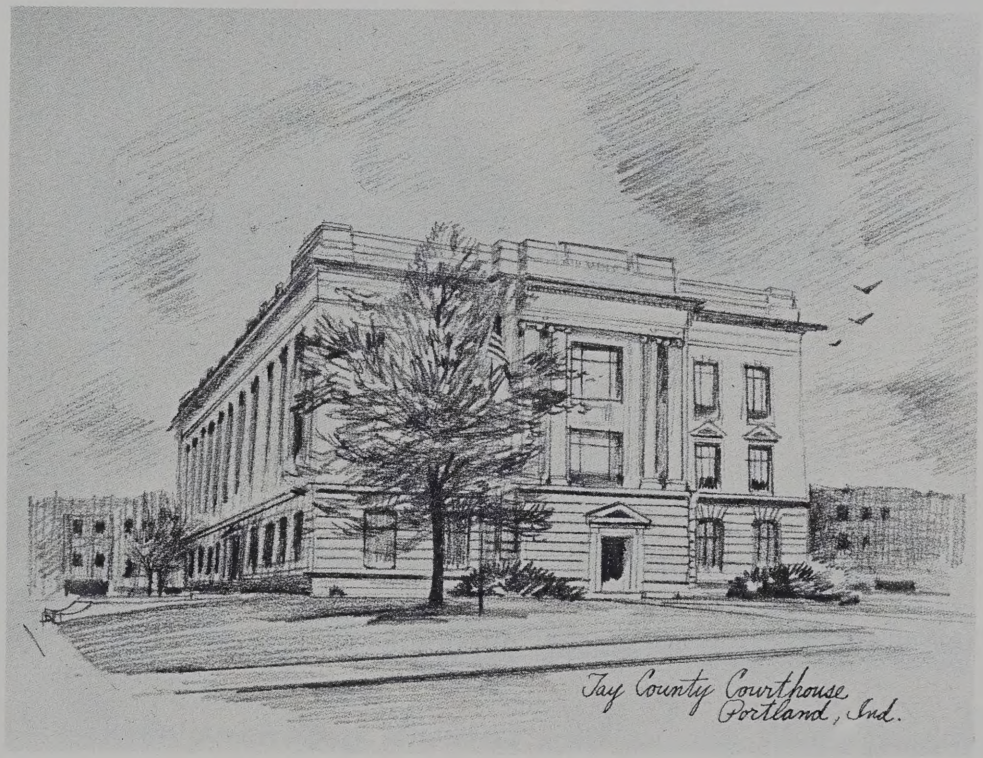
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History is the escence of innumerable biographies. The true grandness of nations is in those qualities which constitute the true greatness of the individual.

Thomas Carlyle

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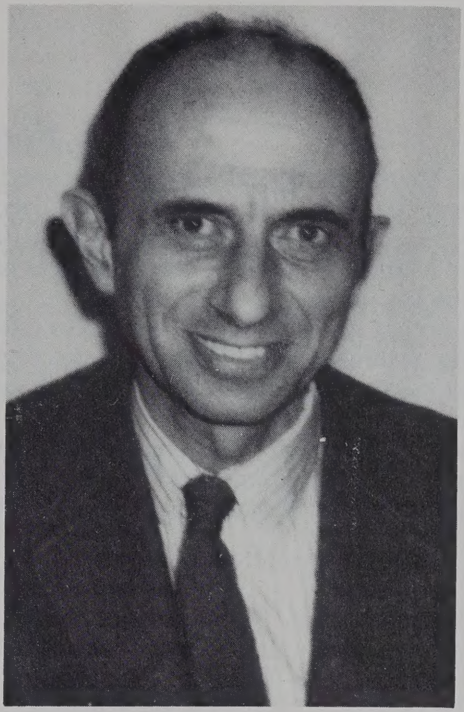

The Jay County Historical Society
dedicates this book to the memory of

Dick and Lydia Naas Raunecker

Their unending dreams and plans, their unselfish giving of time and valued possessions, their high ideals and their interest in the Jay County Historical Society had much to do with its rejuvenation.

JOHN YOUNG and
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Foreword

The Jay County Historical Society takes great pride in presenting this publication to the people of Jay County. Many individuals have worked very hard to make this project a success.

Our purpose was not to write a complete history of the county, but to bring it up to date as much as possible in a limited amount of space. Perhaps additional volumes will be created in a similar fashion to continue the project.

The format of the book should be easy to follow. The first section contains a collection of articles concerning general county history. The second part consists of family histories presented to the Society by the families. Each story is printed almost as submitted, just as written by those who have experienced it. Because of a time lapse of several months from the time the stories were submitted until publication, the details might not be complete. Most stories are up to date throught early 1982.

While reading this personalized history of Jay County, Indiana, the strength and vitality of its past and present citizens will make you keenly aware of heritage and future of proud Americans.

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In Appreciation

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the co-operation, inspiration, and other help as the Jay County Historical Society endeavors to publish this contempory history of Jay County, Indiana. To the many fine persons who proudly wrote, and gave us their family heritage records, and added their enthusiastic appreciation of the project.

To my excellent co-workers; Noel Myers, Frank and Leona Cline, Ann Butler, her daughters Susan and Jane, Joyce Lyons, Gay Badders, Mildred Haffner, Helen P. Jackson, Audrey Kennedy, Bud Starr, Orville Freeman, Dale and Eveline Smith, James Blodgett, Senior Citizen's Club No. 1, and Helen Stevenson, my proof advisor. Without your help, this book could not have been completed. I joyously thank you.

Thelma Blodgett

The Jay County Historical Society

In 1966, an organization was formed to plan for the Sesquicentenial celebration of the State of Indiana. Among the goals of the committee was the fostering of a permanent Jay County Historical Society. There had been one much earlier, but it had lost its impetus. Thus, the society has been formed to foster new interest in preserving the history of Jay County, its many artifacts, and erected memorials. The organization of the Society is to continue these and other goals.

A constitution was drafted, and the first meeting was posted for January 1967. All members joining that year were to be considered charter members. Mrs. Edwinna Hedges was elected president, Mrs. Treva DePoy, vice-president, Charles Stultz secretary, and Mrs. Patty Votaw, treasurer.

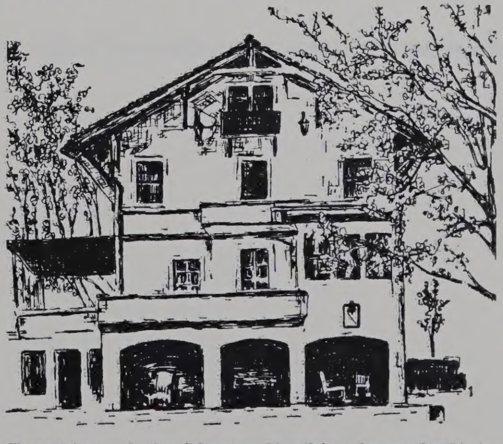
Many of these persons in the new society, were members of the Penn Township Historical Society, but were dedicated to the history of the whole county.

Eventually, the Society accepted the contents of the DAR museum that had been stored in the basement of the Court House, and a site was offered as a museum in the Hawkins Trust building. The museum is located there at this time, along with many, many gifts of persons sympathetic to our goals.

The Society has fostered the 100 year farm recognition program in the years 1977-80. The present officers include fifteen directors, the president, Orville Freeman; 1st vice-president, Bud Starr; 2nd vice-president, James Waechter, 3rd vice-president, Robert DePoy; financial secretary, Freda Baughman; Ruby Whittington, recording secretary and treasurer, Audrey Kennedy.

The Society has chosen the sponsorship of this book as their goal for the year 1981-82.

Retiring leaders are Russell Stein, past president, and Miriam Edmundson 2nd vice-president.



East view of the Morton Hawkins home built in Portland around 1920.

Nancy Hawkins and Hawkins Cabin

Early Jay County

At one time the roads we now travel were the trails that the Indians travelled from one camp or village to another. The landscape was covered with huge trees and the streams and rivers of the county were well stocked. They provided ample food for the few Indians that made their permanent homes here. Jay County was primarily a hunting ground for the Indians in the summer, and then they returned to the hills around either Richmond or Ft. Wayne, to spend the winter. The fact that there has been such an abundance of arrow points found over such wide areas, testifies to the idea of widespread hunting, rather than concentrated groupings.

However, the group that we hear the most about at the time of the coming of the white man are the Miamis. Most of these lived on what is known as the Godfrey Reserve west of Pennville. Even Chief Godfrey spent more of his time around Peru than he did at the village in Jay County. There is on record another reservation known as the Miami Reservation, located along the Butternut Creek south of Portland.

The first white man we have any record of to bring his family to Jay County was Peter Studebaker. He brought his bride from Ft. Recovery and camped near what is now New Corydon, along the Wabash River the first night. This was in February 1821. Mr. Studebaker had every intention of making this location his permanent home, and on Sept. 29, 1822 Abram Studebaker was born, the first white child to be born on Jay County soil. Because of several complications Mr. Studebaker moved his small family back to Ft. Recovery and later to what is now Adams Co. where he died in 1840.

The next family to come into Jay County was John and Mary Brooks. John and Mary entered the county by way of Ridgeville and down the little creek that now bears their name. They came to work for John Gain, who operated a small trading post near the Godfrey Village. This did not work out, however, and he and Mary moved back along Brooks Creek in what is now Knox Township. This location they named Cherry Grove, here they lived the rest of their lives. This land is now owned by Manford Bergdoll; their grave and a few remains of their living here are still at this site.

The life of the early pioneer was a lonely life, seldom did they see or talk to another family for weeks. It is told that in 1833 a family by the name of VanSickle came past and stopped at Cherry Grove, on their way Ft. Wayne. They liked the location, built a cabin here and remained for 3 years. This was the first white neighbor Mrs. Brooks had had for 3 years, although they were 1½ miles away. Soon after this families began to come in greater numbers and to settle permanently.

About 1826 Orman Perring and John J. Hawkins entered the county. They were several miles apart, Perring in what is now Wabash Twp. and Hawkins in what is now Pike Twp. Neither of these were close to the Brooks in Knox Twp. As the number of settlers increased in the land that was to become Jay County, there arose a need for officers to govern and to settle arguments between individuals. So, Governor Noble appointed Christopher Hanna to notify the people of an election to be held on ____ day of August 1836.

The first officers of Jay County were Commissioners, as follows, John Pingry, Abraham Lotz, and Benjamin Goldsmith: Associate Judges were James Graves and Enoch Bowden: clerk, Christopher Hanna; and the sheriff, Henderson Graves. Later the commissioners met at the home of H.H. Cuppy and appointed him as County Treasurer. Lewis W. Farber was also appointed as County Assessor. Then later at a special board meeting on Dec. 5, 1836, the town Portland as the county seat. Many people wanted to call it Reidville because Daniel Reid had donated 80 acres of land for the site. There seems to be no record of who suggested the name of Portland or why it was chosen, but Portland it was the chosen name.

On September 4, 1837, the board adjourned from the home of Henry Cuppy to the new Jay County Courthouse. It was constructed of logs and Robert Huey was allowed $123.25 for building it. Also at this meeting D.W. McNeal was awarded $7.75 for surveying, and plotting the town of Portland.

A few other firsts in the county are:

In 1838, Robert Huey was granted the first license to operate a grocery store in Portland—the first store to be kept in this place.

The first term of Circuit Court was held at the home of Henry Cuppy on 17th day of April 1837, with Judge Charles W. Ewing of Ft. Wayne presiding.

The first mail through the county was carried by Mr. Ellis Kiser in 1829 from Winchester, and followed the old Godfrey Trail and the Ft. Wayne Trace.

The first marriage was Joseph Williamson and Mary Ellen Hartup on May 21, 1834, at the home of Henry Cuppy performed by Justice Oliver Walker of Randolph County.

Jay County came into being by an act of the state legislature, asking that all the land cleared of the Indians be divided into counties. The name Jay County appears in Randolph County records as soon as May 1835, although no one knows who first applied the name. It was named after John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. The final act of creating it as a county was passed January 30, 1836.

From these humble beginnings the county has grown and prospered into a thriving community. Portland has grown into a city of about 10,000 residents. Other towns such as Dunkirk, Pennville, and Redkey have gone through periods of rapid growth, while villages such as New Corydon, Bryant, Salamonia and others have grown very little since pioneer days.

We have built and rebuilt our Court House several times, until now we have one of the finest in the State of Indiana. Many of our old landmarks have gone by way of decay. Other buildings have taken their place, seemingly like the people of the county. We are here for a short while like the pioneers, soon to pass the cares of government and growth on to our decendents. Each generation making some significant contribution to our great county.

(Much of this material was taken from Jay's history of Jay County and Montgomery's History, both are in the Jay County Library if you care to read further.)

Frank E. Cline

Days Creek, Pike Township about 1910

Wilmore Henker, vegetable trucker Liber, Indiana about 1910

Changes We Have Seen

One of the most pronounced changes in the county since 1921 may be observed in the rural areas. Farmers have increased their gross production of grain through the development of hybrid seed corn and the use of commercial fertilizers. Hybrid seed corn has doubled and tripled the corn yields in the county, and other seeds have developed equally well.

As you drive through the country now you will see very few fenced in fields being used for pasture. Most of the fences have been removed as they deteriorate, because of the cost of replacement—now most of our livestock is in confined quarters. We have gone to large dairies instead of each farmer owning a few head of cattle; to large confined hog operations instead of a few pigs on every farm; and to large layer and broiler operations instead of each farmer having a small flock of chickens. The women's income from butter and eggs on the farm has dissappeared.

Horses have been mostly replaced on the farms as a source of power, by the use of gasoline or diesel powered tractors. The mechanical age has brought with it larger and larger machinery and a need for more acres to justify the use of it. We are finding that the use of this machinery is causing less and less full time farmers, and that more and more are being forced to find off the farm equipment. The removal of the fences has also made possible the larger fields for the larger equipment.

The general farm scene has changed and is continuing to change as industry continues to grow. The continued improvement in automobiles has made it possible for the laboring class of people to accept and to commute to jobs farther and farther from home. The field of employment has become more and more diversified as new things have been invented and developed. In 1921 there were only a few large manufacturing plants in Jay County; most of these remain and still employ several people. However, the new products developed require new production lines, hence more job opportunities.

The development of the fast food industry, such as McDonalds and Burger Chef on N. Meridian St. in Portland, has led to industries like Robert Fenter's Boneless Beef Inc., in Pennville. The development of lifts and towmotors have led to the industry of pallet making such as the one owned by Jim Bob McEwen in Knox township.

There has also been new employment added elsewhere in the County, such as The Farm Bureau Grain Terminal, between Dunkirk and Redkey; Hartzell Propeller, Createc, Pennville Kitchen Cabinets, and many other small businesses have located in Portland. These have all added to the number of jobs available.

Shellers Steering Wheel or Sheller-Globe as it is known now has been one of the major employers over the years, but now is almost gone from the scene. In 1921 Hart Glass Co.—then Armstrong—now Indiana Glass in the west end of Dunkirk was, and still is, one of the major employers in Dunkirk. Kerr Glass in Dunkirk is not far behind. Carr Canning Co. of Red Key, later Morgan Canning Co. is now gone, but Naas Canning Co. of Portland continues to operate. Jay Garment and Teledyne Portland Forge continues to employ many men and women in the Portland area. Standard Brush and Broom Co. still continue to operate, but Lay Brush and Broom is gone.

The small elevators in the towns alongside the railroads have almost totally disappeared. The one at Brice burned and was never replaced. The one in the west end of Dunkirk is also gone, the old elevator on North Meridian street was replaced by the Farm Bureau with one located west of Portland. These are only a few that comes to mind, but I am sure that if you will stop and think about it you will be able to remember more in your own community.

I know that this is not a complete list of the business changes in the County, but then I am not trying to name all of them; only the ones that come readily to mind, as I reminisce, perhaps you can do likewise. Think about it. How many others can you name?

During the last 60 years several country stores and villages have left us, probably because of better roads and swifter transportation. The use of the little country store with its Postoffice is no longer practical. The only one I know of is Aker's store in Salamonia with its Postoffice. The little store at Green Postoffice, Brice, Noble, Collett, Polingtown, Belfountain, Boundary and Ridertown are gone completely, Little stores continue to operate at Fiatt, Balbec, Powers Station, Como, New Corydon Salamonia, and Powers.

Along with the little country store have gone many of the little churches that at one time dotted the landscape. Several of these have disbanded completely; members have transferred their membership to city churches, or consolidated with other churches in the community. This being necessary to form larger congregations because of the difficulty to pay a pastor: or maybe too difficult to find a minister that would accept a small congregation.

This same line of thinking has taken place in our school system. Gone are the days of the little red schoolhouse that dotted our country every 3 or 4 miles, so that pupils didn't need to walk so far to school. During the 20's and 30's children got their exercise by walking to school, now we haul them to school and build large gymnasiums to exercise them in. During the last 60 years Portland, Dunkirk, Redkey, Pennville, Madison, Poling, Gray, and Bryant schools furnished the educational facilities for our students. The improvements in the educational, scientific and business world

A 27220 Hotel Adair, Portland, Ind

Hotel Adair, Portland.

Jay County Hospital
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Jay County Hospital, Portland.

has made it almost a must, because of economic reasons, to equip one high school rather than several—so the new Jay County High School. (Schools are treated more fully elsewhere in this volume).

During these last 60 years we have passed through several National Crises, namely the great depression, World War II, the Korean War and the war in Viet Nam. We as Jay Countians can be proud of the part we played in each one. We came through rebuilding after the Depression, the period of compulsory Military Training, World War II, Gasoline rationing, food rationing, Korean War, and the war in Viet Nam with our heads high. We owe a vote of gratitude to all of those that served our country, and especially those that gave their life for it.

Medical care in Jay County has also gone through many changes. The old family doctor that lived in your community and was an old family friend, came to your house anytime and everytime you called —day or night— is gone. Doctors today have better and more specialized training and equipment, and treat their patients on a less personal and a more business like basis. This may be good.

Hospitals have been improved, the one in Jay County has been remodeled and enlarged twice before it finally became necessary to build and equip a new facility. We now have a very modern equiped Hospital with the best we know—but due to new technologies it will soon be out of date.

Nursing homes are now available for those that need some care but don't need hospital care. There are two homes in Portland and one in Dunkirk. These patients formerly were cared for in the home by the family, many times working a hardship on some member of that family. The old County Home has now been named the Community Retirement Center and is available for some who cannot afford to go to a nursing home.

At one time there were four railroads crossing Jay County. At this time the C.B.&C. or "Corn Beef and Cabbage" road that ran through Pennville and finally reached Portland is gone. The railroad that ran North and South through Portland giving us a connection with Fort Wayne and Cincinnati is now gone and most of the tracks removed during the past year. Also the Pennsylvania Lines through Dunkirk and Redkey is now operating only on a limited basis. This leaves only the Norfolk and Western which passes through Portland and Redkey as our only contact by railroad with the rest of the Unites States. However, with the passing of the railroads many truck lines have been operating through Portland.

I know that there are many facets of daily lives that I have not even touched upon. They have not willfully been left out, but there is just not enough space to cover everything. This was not my purpose in the beginning to research and give a complete coverage, just to reminisce.

Submitted by Frank Cline

Soil and Water Factors
Jay County, Indiana

Agronomy Department
Lilly Hall of Life Sciences 1965
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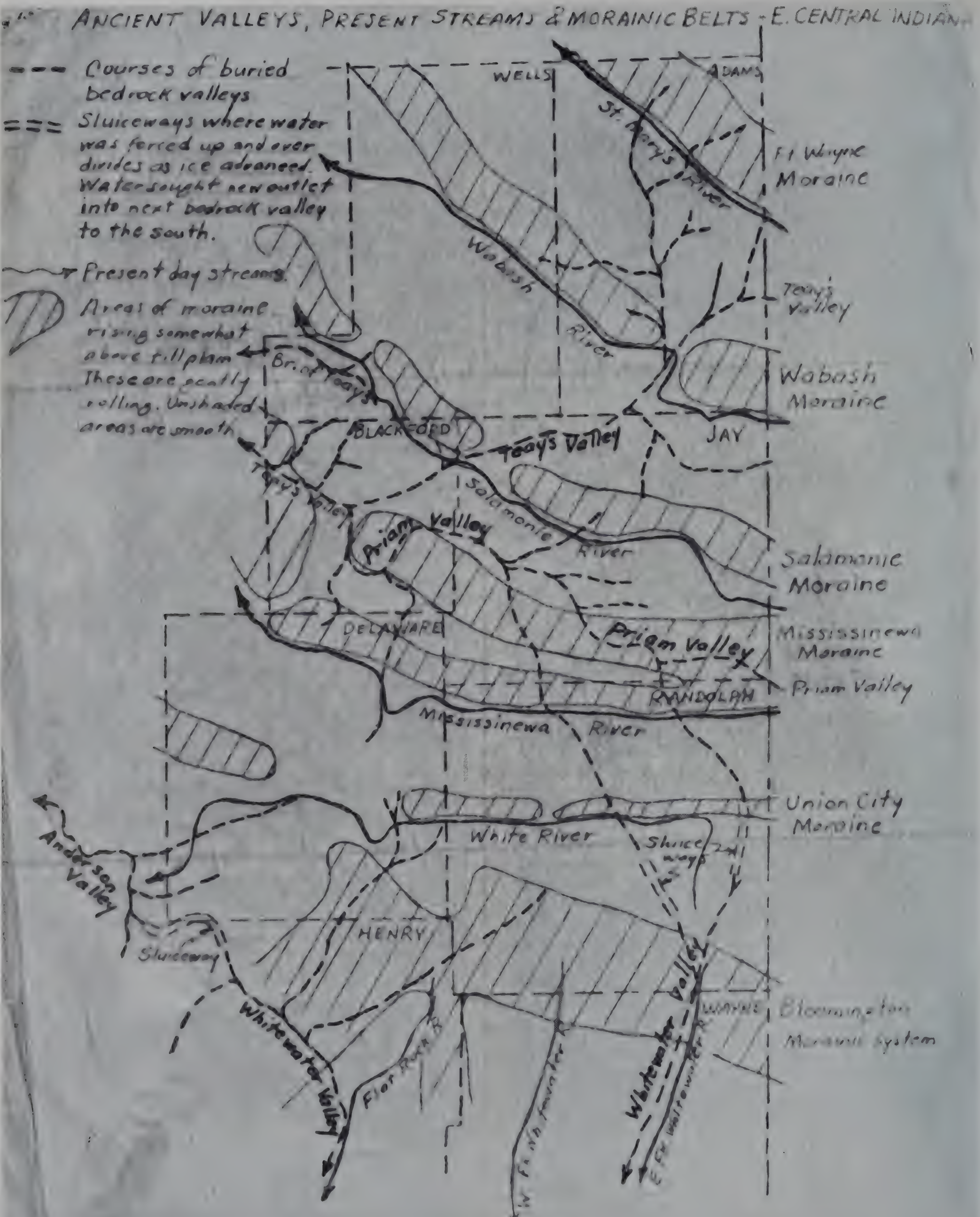
Ancient bedrock valleys crossed Indian generally in a westerly direction. Exceptions were the Whitewater branches which trended south much as the streams do today. The branch in Henry County ran south along the Laughrey escarpment, a prominent limestone ridge which stood some 250 feet above the Whitewater valley. The Wayne County branch met the one from Henry in central Fayette County and south of there occupied about the same valley as the stream does today. Flat Rock Creek today runs across the glacial till which filled the valleys and covered the ridges and runs southwest toward E. Branch of White River crossing old bedrock Whitewater Valley in southern Henry County some 200 to 300 feet above the old valley bottom.

This indicates that today's streams bear little resemblance to those of preglacial Indiana since glacial till laid in place by a succession of glacial advances and retreats filled the valleys and levelled out a formerly rolling landscape. Rocks under east central Indiana are mostly of limestone. The ancient Teays Valley carried drainage fromthe eastern mountains across Ohio and into Indiana east of Berne. It wound southwest and then west across northern Jay and through north central Blackford County, thence toward Peru and Lafayette and into Illinois. Its bottom dimension was up to 2 miles wide in places but narrowed greatly in other places where very hard limestone was encountered. Side branches ran off just as streams do today. One ran north of Berne nearly to Allen County, another cut back into southwest Wells County from the main stream as it crossed northern Grant County.

The largest branches to the Teays entered from the south side in this region. The Priam bedrock valley was a main branch entering Indiana near Union City and running north and west toward its junction with the Teays in Blackford County. Portland is on the divide between the Teays and the Priam while Hartford City is above the junctin of the two.

Another large stream flowed in the Anderson bedrock valley across Indiana to join the Teays bedrock valley near Lafayette. This valley headed in Madison County east of Anderson.

We see from this, that the topography of east central Indiana before glacial times must have been similar to much of the limestone belt in southern Indiana today. There were some moderately smooth divides but rolling lands and valleys were probably more prominent features.


ANCIENT VALLEYS, PRESENT STREAMS & MORAINIC BELTS - E. CENTRAL INDIAN
Courses of buried bedrock valleys
Sluiceways where water was forced up and over divides as ice advanced. Water sought new outlet into next bedrock valley to the south.
Present day streams
Areas of moraine rising somewhat above till plain. These are gently rolling. Unshaded areas are smooth
WELLS
ADAMS
St. Mary's River
Ft Wayne Moraine
Wabash River
Teays Valley
Wabash Moraine
Br. of Teays
BLACKFORD
Teays Valley
JAY
Teays Valley
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WAYNE
Bloomington Moraine System

The glacial changed it all as it came south scraping and pushing groundup rock ahead of it. Some of the rocks and boulders came all the way down from the granite rock areas in Ontario but by far the biggest amount of material left by the glacier was of local origin, scraped up in one county and laid down in the next, as what we call *glacial till.* It was a tremendous bull dozing job and to do all the leveling we see today required several periods of glaciation involving advances and retreats as the climate grew colder and then warmer with the passing years. Possibly this took place during some half million years. Now we have a smooth country where it was once rolling or nearly rough.

Advancing glaciers moved rather slowly taking many long years to move south as far as where the Ohio River is today. As they came to the old bedrock valleys, they tended to use these as outlets for their melting waters. Ice melted in those times, since there were winter and summer periods as there are today. The debris in the waters was often laid in the valley bottoms as what we call *glacial outwash,* later to be covered with layers of glacial till. As the first glacial ice crossed the valleys and partly filled them, it acted as a dam and the waters in the valleys ponded into temporary lakes so that fine sediments were deposited in the old valley bottoms. Fine sediments were usually laid down in north trending valleys while south or southwest trending ones tended to be filled at least partly with coarser outwash deposits. This fact is of interest to well drillers for the better veins of fresh water often lie along these valleys. While the drillers call these *underground streams,* the water is actually not running free but is moving readily through the coarse outwash deposits which we call aquifers. Where till or lake bed deposits fill the valleys, drillers do not find outstanding water veins since water cannot move quickly through such materials.

The last advances of the ice in this area occurring roughly within the past 20,000 years left the country much as we see it today. It left *till plains* where it receded at a rather constant rate and *moraines* where it stood in place for long periods as the climate cooled enough to halt the steady retreat of the glacier. When seasonal advance was just balanced by the melting back of a glacier, the lead edge stayed in one place for a long while. As melt water rushed off the front, it carried debris which was laid down as an *outwash plain* along the edge and generally south of the *moraine* which was building up at the glacial edge. Many of the present Indiana streams began during the outwash period when shallow valleys were scooped down into the glacial till plains by the coarse sands and gravels in the water which acted like giant sandpaper.

As the glacier stood in one place, it dropped debris in a low ridge which now stands above the general level of the till plains a few feet to as much as 50 feet or more.

These *moraines* are locally prominent hilly belts and may have boulder belts associated with them. These boulders are often *erractics* of granite which rode down on the glacial ice from Canada.

The Bloomington morainic system is older than the five moraines north of it. Also, it is more prominent and left more rolling land where it stands. Till in this area is of mixed origin and averages about loam in texture. Soils developed on it are of the Miami (rolling) Crosby (level) and Brookston (black depressions) of the flats.

North of the Union City moraine, the till came from the Lake Erie lobe of slightly later glacial times and contains a higher proportion of clay since that lobe scraped across more fine rocks like shales as it advanced southwest. There were several stages in the retreat of the Lake Erie lobe and at each pause a new moraine was deposited and an outwash valley was carved south of, and almost parallel to it. White River parallels the Union City moraine while the Mississinewa River is south of and follows the moraine of the same name, finally entering the present Wabash Valley near Peru. The Salamonie and Wabash Rivers follow the moraines with the same names while the St. Marys River parallels the Fort Wayne moraine. This moraine has sealed off the water escaping west and down the Wabash from the melting Lake Erie lobe producing a temporary lake bed near New Haven. After glacial ice left the area, the present Maumee River formed from the St. Marys and St. Joseph Rivers and runs through this lake plain toward Toledo, Ohio.

Because the till and moraines left by the Lake Erie lobe are silty clay loam in texture, different soils formed here than those south of Winchester which lies on the White River at the joint of the loam and clay loam till. Morley soils (sloping) are on this more clayey till especially on moraines or on slopes toward drainageways while Blount soils (level) are on the gray flats and Pewamo soils (black depressions) occur in the flats along with Blount. As soils go, these are among the less deeply leached ones of Indiana. The gray glacial till contained much free carbonate from the limestones. The leaching has removed this carbonate only to a depth of 2 to 3 feet. Deepest leaching has occurred in the wettest soils of the dark depressions which we call Pewamo.

These soils are in need of drainage to make them produce abundantly and the most active interest in farm drainage in Indiana occurs in the east central part of the state.

The reader has seen by now that some changes in landscape and soils have occurred in the 10 to 20 thousand years since glaciation. The outwash valleys started the new drainage pattern and side streams rapidly cut back in the moraines and till plains a short distance, especially where lands were sloping. Some drainage by deep ditching which followed the lowest places extended natural drainageways back into the large flat areas.

While Nature is trying in all her processes to establish a drainage pattern to take away Indiana's excess rainfall, the process is slow. If man did not modify the pattern, he would be unable to make intensive use of the land as he does today.

Because of this region's general flatness, farm and community drainage will always be a big problem. It is a problem which can be, and is being mastered, and will continue to occupy the time and effort of engineers and conservationists for years to come.

A Thomas Profile

1730-1930

Foreword

As we move from one era to the next the opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead tend to obliterate the cultural experiences of our past. In a sense our past heritage may be unimportant. Clinging to traditions may be a retardant. However, if we examine the progression of the human race we see that the development of civilization is indebted to value systems. Many values of the past are as relevant today as they were formerly. Let us also remember that human intellect and emotions haven't materially changed through the centuries. By contrast, it's knowledge and environment that has been dramatic in change. We can see ourselves in the past and our cultural heritage can project us into the future. In any case the past is both inviting and fascinating and we have a tendency to explore it as a mirror of ourselves in retrospect.

During much of my childhood I heard stories of the early Thomas lineage. Apparently the Thomas' kept better accounts of their ancestry than did most clans. Accounts ranged from Sir Rysop Thomas born 1451 in Wales through William Thomas 1678 Lamwerth, Merionetshire, Wales to the various Thomas' of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Much of my information was derived from my mother, Emma Thomas Myers. Mother was a daughter of Elias Thomas of Jay County, Indiana. Mother was the epitome of maternal love. She was self-sacrificing and wanted for her ten children not only the things she had missed in life but also the noble characteristics that she attributed to some of her people. She often related anecdotes that portrayed Thomas character. This was no reflection on Father's forebears. There simply was more known and recorded knowledge of Thomas.

Most direct information that I have had gravitates around Indiana families of Elias and Harvey Thomas who dwelt in the County of Jay. Both of these men passed on while I was an infant, however I came to know well their children and grandchildren. Progeny of Elias Thomas included my mother, an aunt and five uncles and several cousins.

Motivation for this writing came from Mr. Monty Peden. Mr. Peden is an enthusiastic genealogist and a teacher of English and French at Plymouth, Indiana. He is a grandson of Marlowe Thomas of Portland, Indiana. Mr. Peden had the rare privilege of visiting the ancestral family environs in Wales. I met with Mr. Peden at the home of his grandfather on September 7, 1980. Present also were Virgil Thomas, a first cousin of Marlowe, and his niece, Mrs. P.G. Goodrich. From the conversation that day and from a letter of request from Mr. Peden came the impetus for this undertaking.

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To characterize the Thomas lineage as to personality and physical makeup as well as mental and spiritual traits is indeed a challenge. To further record a mode of living, family and community roles, is difficult if not hazardous. In this effort I will endeavor to avoid a stereotype, and also refrain from embellishment of imagined or glamourous characteristics that at best only existed in part. The intent of this presentation is to provide an addition or foot note to the Thomas history for those descendants interested in genealogy. It may, I hope, serve as some type of tribute to a valiant and preserving succession of siblings and progeny.

To have existed, to have survived, to have multiplied through the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries was a demanding accomplishment. Physical stamina was a basic requirement. The Thomas' were not giants in stature. In fact, they may be considered slightly below the norm in physical size for any generation. The men normally would have ranged in height from 5'8" to 5'11". They were a small boned people. However they were extraordinarily tough, resilient, quick and durable.

In appearance these people were striking. Aquiline chiseled features, penetrating eyes (predominantly blue), sometimes deep set under craggy brows commanded attention and respect. Usually the Thomas' were reserved, perhaps dignified, some to the point of withdrawal. However they were not unfriendly. When a heterogenous type appeared he or she compensated for the usual reserve. The men could readily be labeled as handsome and the women comely, some were beautiful. Red hair was probably a rarity. The author has only observed two titian haired descendants.

Empirically one can discern that the Thomas descendants were alert and in many instances had a very high intelligence. This is revealed not only by the ability to survive in a stern early environment but becomes definite in the occupation pursuits. There was a succession of ministers. This calling demanded studious concentration, organization ability, and eloquence. Many Thomases were public school teachers and these were graduates of the academies and normal schools available in the 1800's and early 1900's. The popular novel *Hoosier Schoolmaster* could well have encompassed the experience of Thomas teacher. In the early 1900's some of the family filtered into the growing railway business. Some were in the banking business, others became tradesmen in America's industrialization. Occupations varied from college professorship to the armed services.

Throughout the Welsh family history and serving as a central thread in the America Thomas experience, a love of the land is apparent. It is recognized that land and its produce was the most aboundant resource in America. Yet there is a bond between a Thomas and his land holding that goes beyond convenience of availability. I never knew of a Thomas farmer who was not proud of his vocation and of his farm (See footnote 1)

There was something distinguished about a Thomas farmer. In Wales he was part of the landed gentry. In early Pennsylvania history he may have, and could have been considered a "gentleman farmer". Farm buildings were well kept as were fences and pastures. Horses were well bred and spirited. Cattle were often the envy of the community. The Thomas farmer seemed to shout in silent ecstasy "This is my land! This is me! This is my family and my God given heritage! We shall prevail!"

This writer knew the Thomas's of Indiana in a rural setting from the first World War until the 60's. Most were farmers. One had that unforgettable community service, the threshing machine! I can still vision that huge outfit of steam engine and separator come huffing and puffing down the road. Once set in place with steam spurting, belts flapping, and wheels spinning a piercing whistle from the engine announced readiness for the bundle wagons to unload sheaf by sheaf into the maw of the separator. Then the golden grain started streaming into the grain wagon and the empty straw plumed from the separator chute into a golden pyramid called the stack. For a lad of 8 there was that coveted ride on the water wagon to the nearest stream. There the water was hand pumped into the wooden tank of the wagon to be returned for replenishing the thirsty steam

1. The Thomas' of Indiana have virtually disappeared as farmers and landowners. The small farms of 40, 80 and 160 acres have been sold to corporate operation. The Thomas lineage has dispersed to other occupations.

engine. A Thomas was the steam engineer and another Thomas wheedled, coaxed, and babied the tempermental separator.

Growing, harvesting and storing of forage for livestock was an annual chore. Sometimes this task was shared on a turnabout basis with neighbors. Clover, timothy, alsac, (in early times meadow grass) and later alfalfa had to be cut and dried in the field. Early cutting was done with a scythe or cradle. Later mechanized cutting was done with a team drawn two wheel sickle and cutter bar mower. When hay had sun cured a day or so it was sometimes forked into small stacks or bundles for more curing before storage in hay mow or huge hay stack. A one horse dump rake that moved hay into windrows relieved the hand forking into stacks. When hay was adjudged to be ready for storage it was forked into a "hay riggin" which was a flat bed on a wagon with erect poles or "ladders" at each end of the bed to retain the load. The wagon driver stacked and tramped the hay as it was horked to him by a "hay pitcher" on the ground.

Loads of hay were driven to the barn where it was pitched into the mow through a large hay mow door. More sophisticated barns in the early 19th century had a hay fork running on a track along the ridge pole of the barn. This fork was pulled by a horse hitched to a long hay rope that in turn snaked through a series of pulleys. It could be lowered to the hay load, inserted and clamped, then the load elevated to the track and glided to position for dumping. By either method of unloading there was the job of "mowing back". This was hard and hot work of forking, shoving and tramping.

Corn was the grain staple fed to all livestock. When corn stalks in the late fall had turned to a pale gold and brown and the grain had hardened, it was time to "shuck corn". Teams with grain wagons commandered by "huskers" went into the fields conquering three to six rows in a field strip. "Huskers" or "shuckers" wore gloves and a husking peg. The peg was a pointed strip of metal held in place in the palm of the hand by light leather strap and buckle. Husks were opened at the tip of the ear with the peg and stripped to the butt of the ear. Then with a twist and snap the golden ear was in the air to add to the mound in the wagon. Ear corn was scooped into cribs at night by lantern light.

Some of the corn crop was made into fodder for winter feed. When corn on the stalk was well formed and the ripening had not progressed corn was cut and shocked. Stalks were cut with a corn knife near the ground surface. The twenty inch bladed knife was swung with one hand while the other hand and arm gathered the stalks into a bundle. Bundle after bundle of the succulent stalks with partially green leaves were stacked upright resembling an Indian tepee. Around this was twisted a long green stalk to hold the pyramid in place. During the winter the corn shocks were upset one by one and the ears shucked out. The residue was fodder hauled to the barn and cattle sheds as forage.

Often pumpkins were sown in the young corn. At corn harvest times these were gathered and stored. Some were used for pies and some canned for later use. Most of the pumpkin crop was chopped and peeled and fed to cattle. Of course at Halloween time choice pumpkins became grinning manikins or snarling goblins. These pumpkins were decapped at the top, hallowed out, and sculpted into the visage that suited the individual sculptor. Candles centered within threw an eerie revealing light through the lacerations of the shell.

A custom that has left a deep impression with me was that of gravel hauling. In lieu of cash payment of taxes the township trustee could designate the hauling of gravel to maintain roads. When tax obligations had been met there was at times a few dollars to the credit of the hauler. Gravel was found in the bends of the Salamonie River formed by water current into bars. The land owner of such deposits ridged the gravel in rows with team and slip scoop. The haulers pulled along side these gravel rows and filled their wagon beds by shoveling with a long handle shovel or a gravel scoop. The bed of the gravel wagon was unique. It commonly held 2½ to 3 cubic yards. Gravel was contained by side boards and end gates made so that with a pry bar they could slip upward. When a side board was pried up a few inches the bottom slats of the bed, made of loose sturdy two by fours, could move side ways. Thus the bottom slats were moved to release gravel in amounts needed.

Only excellent draft teams could withstand the rigors of gravel hauling. A wagon dripping with wet gravel and with wheels partially submerged in the river bed tested the mettle of the best teams. Owners had much pride in these sleek beautiful animals. They were often descendants of Percheron, Belgium, and Morgan stock. The brass on hames and back straps was kept polished. White celuloid rings decorated the line spreaders and red hair tassels dangled from bridles. I can still hear the creak of the wagons, the clap of horses' hooves, the crack of whips seldom touching horse flesh, and the salty intonations of the drivers.

An important condition for horses required for road travel was proper shoeing. Before gravel hauling the team must go to the community blacksmith for properly designed and fitted shoes. Driving horses that transported the family

Rebecca and Elias Thomas

for business, shopping and visiting were kept shod the year round. The smithing trade is as old as Thomas history and was continuously an adjunct to family activity and occupation. Since small boys were more or less dispensable, it fell to my lot to take the horses to the smith. This experience provided a source of confidence in being trusted with the responsibility. However going to the blacksmith was in itself a joy. The hand air driven forge moaned softly as smouldering coals burst into life to heat the crescent formed steel shoes. The acrid smoke from the forge had a pungent odor. Red hot shoes were removed from the fire with tongs, carried to the anvil where they were formed, and frequently checked to a horse foot for fit. There is no musical rhythm that can compare to the staccaco sound of a forging hammer on an anvil. At the first blow of the hammer on red hot steel there was a shower of sparks that danced over the hard packed earth floor. I used to wonder why a smithy would strike two or three blows with a hammer then partially relaxing his grip permit the hammer to do rapid repetitive dancing on the anvil surface. Then I came to realize that he loved the musical sound.

The country store was a community institution. Here one could sell chickens and eggs and purchase staples such as Arbuckle Coffee. Usually located at a main crossroad the store was more than a dispensary. It was a center for political analysis, market reporting, horse trading and a neighbor in need aid station. It was a men's rendezvous in the evening. Sitting around the pot belly iron stove men could swap stories while munching crackers and cheese. At the old Center store in Greene Township there was often impromptu entertainment. The Geesaman boys brought out fiddle, banjo, rattle bones, harmonica, wasboard and jug for the real thing in country music.

An extension of the country store was the "huckster's wagon". This gayly painted four wheel horse drawn van served the community from home to home on a weekly schedule. It saved the busy housewife from harnessing a horse and using a half day to obtain supplies. The huckster's van besides peddling mops, brooms, thread and food staples also picked up farm produce such as poultry and eggs. It too carried news from door to door. Often the kindly vendor would toss candy pieces to eager country kids.

Those were days of neighborly interdependence. One was helped and the donor was repaid in kind. There was butchering, apple butter making, threshing, barn raising, and timber clearing. In the latter 1800's and early 1900 these things were done cooperatively and collectively. Very little money exchanged hands. These cooperative ventures brought out the best in midwest cooking to appease the appetites of weary men. The Thomas women were not novices in the culinary arts. In those days the housewife rated as an excellent cook enjoyed enviable prestige. The threshing ring invariably brought out the competive best in victuals as the gang moved from farm house to farm house.

Three long blasts from the steam engine whistle heralded the noon day feast. Unshaven sweaty men gathered in the shade of the lawn and took turns at a galvanized tub filled with water. Naphtha soap and linen towels were racked on nearby boxes. Then washed and eagerly hungry, fifteen to twenty men filed into the house to be seated around an improvised table and await the blessing. And what food there was! Wilted lettuce, fresh cole slaw, fried chicken, baked ham, pole beans with bacon, baked beans, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, stewed prunes, baked apples, fresh butter, currant jam, hot baked bread, chocolate cake, gooseberry and mince pie, and gallons of savory black coffee.

But cooking was only a part of the homemaking tasks of the Thomas women. Food in season had to be preserved for future use. Open kettle canning of fruits, vegetables, and meats was a seasonal task. Both tame and wild berries were picked for fresh table fruit, for pastry, and for preserving and canning. Early Thomas settlers were sometimes fortunate in locating wild strawberries, huckleberries, blackberries, raspberries, and grapes. Later farmers grew domesticated varieties in abundance. In addition were gooseberries and currants. A good yielding strawberry patch was a source of pride as well as sustenance. On the days of making jellies and preserves it was a real treat for a youngster to take a large spoon and scrape the residue from the berry kettle.

At butchering time several fat shoats were killed at dawn, eviscerated, halved and quartered. The hams and shoulders, were smoked, and side meat made bacon. The fat trim was put into a large iron kettle over a slow fire and cooked until the rind was crisped into a "cracklin". The cubed pieces were then pressed free of the hot oil in a lard press. A motto was "put the fat in the lard kettle and the lean in the sausage". And what sausage! Stuffed in "hawg casings" flavored with sage, fried and served with gravy and biscuits it was really fit for a king. Then there was also pig feet to pickle and more trimmings went into mince meat and head cheese.

By Thanksgiving a beef would have been butchered. The front quarters were often chunked and in the early 1900's canned in glass jars. The hind quarters were hung in the chill of an out building and steaks and roasts were cut as needed. A beef was often divided between two or more families.

One now wonders how the women could possibly accomplish all the chores and look after children. I can still hear the thump-thump of the dasher in a wooden churn and the taste of sweet butter as it was formed by a paddle from churned sour cream. The rythmic sound of a rocker washer accented the smell of hot sudsy clothes and at the same time the spicy fragrance of cooling apple pies. All of these responsibilities were layered in between the routine activities of feeding stock, gathering eggs, and milking cows.

A few generations ago our women spun yarn from wool and flax and made most family garments. All could sew, knit and quilt. The quilting bees produced not only objects of art but were an opportunity for communication—the latest news about prospective marriage, new babies, and sometimes just plain gossip. There was at times a flurry of activity to prepare a decorative box dinner for a young girl to take to the "box social" at the rural district school. At this event, after singing, recitations and some fiddling and banjo picking the local auctioneer took over. Eligible bachelors vied with one another to get the box they hoped had been brought by a comely lass. Sometimes small boys were cajoled by older sisters into informing a favored male as to which box he should submit the high bid. Profits from box socials refurbished the school's meagre library.

Chores were shared in the family in accordance with age and strength. There was wood to split and stack, and in a later period a coal bucket to fill. Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley caught the spirit and humor of the times. He depicted the wood corded along the path to the outhouse providing a labor saving device. There one loaded his or her

Late Thomas threshing outfit

arms with wood on return to the house.

A vegetable garden in addition to a fruit orchard was a must for every rural household. Usually the family shared in the cultivation, hoeing, spraying or dusting, harvesting and processing.

Prior to use of kerosene for lamps, dozens of candles were dipped or poured into a sconce to form. Soap was made in an iron kettle, using animal fats and wood ash lye. The latter was made from a residue of wood ash and rain water.

"Saturday night baths" were taken religiously. These were accomplished in a wooden tub, later replaced by a galvanized tub. Hot water was procured from an iron kettle hung in the open hearth or from the wood range reservoir.

Community socializing included varied social events of the local school and the community church. An annual event, anticipated by every school child, was the "big dinner". On the last day of the school year parents convened at the school with laden baskets. The crowd either picnicked on the school ground or moved to the nearest grove. The release from school provided elevated spirits and a carnival atmosphere. A kindred event was held at school or church known as the Christmas program. Here again was tasty food followed by plays of the nativity and caroling music.

When one considers recreational opportunities for, and cultural influences on Thomas of the late 1800's and early '90's, it would be remiss to omit the annual county fair. The "Big Jay County Fair" was eagerly anticipated by children and I suspect it appealed to adults more than they cared to admit. Tuesday of fair week was designated as Children's Day and there was free admission for those of twelve years and younger. The eight miles to the fairgrounds was accomplished in a horse drawn carriage bulging with children. Under the carriage seat was stowed a lunch basket for the noon respite as well as oats for the horse. Child allowance for the day ranged from fifteen to twenty-five cents. This currency allotment was carefully managed to provide the most enjoyment for every copper. Slabs of colorful gee-bow candy sold for a penny. Merry-go-round and Ferris wheel accommodated each child passenger for five cents. Sleek groomed farm animals were on display and there were booths of processed foods and of fresh produce awaiting the judging. Seated in the amphitheatre one could enjoy seldom heard band music, watch acrobats and clowns and witness harness racing. The fair was a media for adults that provided social contact and new ideas and methods associated with rural life. Experiences at such events were not always positive. Sometimes there were fist skirmishes and one learned to beware of pickpockets, con artists, and the come-on of bawdy tent shows. In my late teens I met my first "date" at the Jay County Fair and this developed into a life contract.

In earlier history in America the Thomas' and their neighbors alike felt a patriotic duty as well as a recreational thrill to attend 4th of July events. The pomp of parade, invigorating speeches, and exhilerating band music lifted one's spirits. And at night there was the magic panorama of streaking and exploding lights; fireworks that commemorated America's freedom. There were few indeed who were not touched with a feeling of thankfulness, pride and dedication.

The forerunners of the cinema, the stereoscope and the "magic lanterns" provided community and home entertainment and education during the waning of the 18th century and the forepart of the 19th. At a very early age I recall seeing "Uncle Tom's Cabin" projected from a "magic lantern" in Hickory Grove church south of Pennville, Indiana. I, as did many others, viewed through a stereoscope by the hour. Stories of national and world wonders opened before our very eyes through this parlor instrument. This experience for me was in a way prophetic. The wonders of London, Paris, and Rome, historic sites from Pompeii to the Pyramids and through Bible lands; the lure of the Orient and mystic Africa; all these that intrigued and enticed me were brought to visual reality through the stereoscope. I little suspected, as a six year old looking through the magic lens, that I one day would not only visit these places but would live and serve in many of the exotic countries.

The cinema or "moving pictures" finally came into the community. Ten cents gained admission and a nickel bought popcorn. Then one could enjoy the theater organ during interludes and watch such classics as Fatty Arbuckle, Tom Mix, and Our Gang comedies.

Evenings at home were not dull. One never heard an expression of being bored. After supper, in the winter, oil lamps or candles provided light for completion of school assignments. There was popcorn in all its white savory goodness sometimes buttered, sometimes laced with cooked down sorghum or brown sugar syrup and formed into popcorn balls. Impromptu taffy-pulls results in a delectable chewy confection. Parched corn was also highly desirable. In our home this meant heating kernels of field corn on the surface of the kitchen wood range until each kernel browned and split.

A cultural experience that touched and helped form many lives was family reading and story telling. The Pathfinder and the Youths Companion were periodicals of common denominative use in the early 19th century. In addition to the Bible many of the Thomas homes were fortunate to have both classics and contemporary books. Dickens, Thackerey and Howthorne shared shelf space with Lew Wallace, Gene Stratton Porter, James Whitcomb Riley, Mark Twain, and the unforgettable Edgar Allen Poe. Books were used and passed around among families until they were "dog eared". The Horatio Alger stories were a must among "youngins".

Reading to children and story telling to both youth and adults was an appreciated art. Parents were often really gifted readers and story tellers. Older brothers and sisters loved to relate "ghost experiences" and send little ones off to bed with hair prickling and looking apprehensively over shoulders and around dark corners. For the entire family there was a fascination with Poe's *The Raven* and with Riley's *Little Orphan Annie.* Repeated readings of these were relished. *The Legend of Icabod Crane* was a favorite at Halloween.

A bond that reunited and kept families close were the annual holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas. The former was purely a day for relaxation and family empathy. It was a time of traditional feasting. In addition to the customary roast turkey and cranberry sauce were the formidable array of pies and cakes for which Thomas women were justly famous. Quite often on Thanksgiving Day men of the family banded together to hunt cottontail rabbits. Hunting with several in a party was common then for cover was thick and extensive and game was plentiful.

Christmas was in some ways more sobering and yet there was great anticipation and joy. Christmas carols and the act of giving kept in mind the deep meaning of the event for all mankind. Children wide eyed and expectant tore open packages from Santa Claus. Adults were sometimes misty eyed as they received gifts from dearly loved ones and felt the true meaning behind the giving. For the taciturn Thomas individual emotions came as near being evidenced at Christmas as they ever were during a life time.

In Autumn when the air became crisp and tree leaves bathed the countryside with yellow, crimson, and brown, the walnut and hickory trees began to drop their bounty. Whole families gathered the nuts and pounded the outer shells from the walnuts. Both hickory and walnut fruits were racked in single layers on cabin or shed roofs for drying. Nut meats were tasty morsels baked in cakes and cookies sustaining the family with pastry delights during the winter.

Sorghum cane grew on nearly every farm. Standing sorghum had to be bladed and cut. Canes stacked on a wagon bed was hauled by team to a neighboring steam driven mill. There the cane was crushed, squeezed, and the juice boiled down to a rich tangy brown syrup.

Fall apples were the signal for a full day of apple butter making. At daylight a 50 gallon copper kettle was suspended from a pole supported at each end by a barrel. The kettle was filled with apple cider and simmered over a fire until noon. By mid-day the cider had been reduced by half. Then a bushel of peeled and quartered apples were poured into the boiled down cider. Also was added ten pounds of white sugar. The mixture was slowly cooked during most of the afternoon and late in the day frequently tested for "thickening". Apple butter was stored in 1 gallon crocks or jars while sorghum molasses was usually kept in 2 or 3 gallon jars.

Cabbages were harvested from the garden in great numbers. Heads were shredded with a large wooden trough-like cabbage cutter. Cut cabbage was layered in 6 gallon jars salted and "stomped". A cabbage stomper was a wood chunk rounded and centered with a wood handle. Stomping cabbage was similar to the operation of churning butter. Bruised cabbage was weighted in the jar with a dinner plate topped by a rock. After fermentation the delectable result known as Kraut was either used from the 6 gallon jar or was canned in 1 quart glass jars.

The Thomas's were sportsmen and also sports women. Women's activities were within prescribed or controlled boundaries. I recall Sunday afternoons when the men assembled for target practice. Every household in the late 1800's and early 1900's had either a muzzle loading Kentucky rifle or later the popular "hawg" shooting .22. The latter included the Stevens Crack Shot, the Belgium, and the Colt .22. Traditionally Thomas men, for survival reasons, were excellent shots. A small object or a marked cardboard placed against a stump provided the test and record of competitive skills. An hour or so of this accompanied by banter and empty wagers invited the bringing of a gallon jug of cool cider from the well house.

Young male members of the clan participated in community ball games on Sunday afternoon. The bends of the Salamonie River and adjacent gravel pits provided swimming facilities and privacy did not require swim suits. Frozen surface of the river in winter provided skating. A crude facsimile of hockey, known as "shinny", was played. Used were clubs of bent hickory. The puck was a cross section of 3" hickory.

Winter also brought out of storage horse drawn sleighs and bob sleds. These were the conveyances for many gay winter parties. Ear muffs, hand muffs, scarves and a kerosene lantern under the lap robe protected passengers from biting cold.

Some of the Thomas men in Indiana in the forepart of the 19th centure were among the elite in outdoor sports. Upland game hunting was popular and required skill in knowing habitat and wild life. Some kept notable bird dogs of the Lewellyn and Irish Setter breeds. Bob White, quail and Ringneck pheasants were the chief quarry.

In late summer and early fall squirrel hunting was a favored pasttime. Some of the Thomas men could mimic a barking, scolding fox squirrel and entice them into shooting range. Squirrel stew was a favorite as well as fried and baked squirrel. This prey, for some inexplicable reason, was considered expecially nutritious for the ill and the elderly.

One outdoor sport was a lucrative part time vocation. Muskrats, mink, raccon, skunk and fox were more or less abundant in east central Indiana. Pelts from these fur bearers brought in needed winter cash money. Usually these animals were flayed and the hides drawn over "hide boards" to dry and cure. Many of these hides were shipped to St. Louis, Mo. to the Funsten Trading Company. Sons who trapped skunks accidentally or deliberately were not popular with mothers. Of course there were daring young men who took deliberate chances with the scented cat. The reward was a 2-4 days forced absence from the district school.

I've never decided whether bumble bee fighting was a young boy's sport or whether it was a type of juvenile insanity. Fighting was accomplished with wood hand paddles whose flat blades were perforated with 3/8" holes at intervals of approximately 1". This permitted air to rush through the paddle so that an air cushion didn't push the flying bee to one side. Having located a bees nest the procedure was to prod it with a long pole. Bees swarmed out with loud buzzing and zeroed in on targets with a vengeance. Paddles flailed the air amid frequent yelps of pain. Decision as to team winner was easy. It simply was the boy with the least stings!

Another bee foray was a combination of outdoor sport and food foraging. Honey bees sought hollow trees as a hive. A bee tree was considered a real find. Usually two or three families shared the work responsibility of honey gathering. The owner of the land where the tree was discovered was of course one of the party. Laden with dishpans, large spoons and rigid butcher knives, the honey hunters usually operated at night when bees were more quiet or early winter when the insects were dormant. The tree was chopped and sawed at the base. Being hollow it often cracked open striking the ground. If this did not happen then sections of the log had to be chopped out to retrieve the chunks of comb honey. Fresh honey on hot buttered soda biscuits was considered ample reward for the effort.

An annual sporting event was a male pilgrimage to the Grand Reservoir at Celina, Ohio. I was not old enough to be included but I observed the preparations with awe, wonderment, and deep longing. Ten to twelve men would make this trip. Transportation was provided by a team of young lively horses who could readily endure the long haul. They were hitched to a hay or grain wagon. Upon this was stacked camp equipment, bedding, clothing and food. The large impoundage between Celina and St. Marys, Ohio in those days abounded with bass, crappies, and channel catfish. Camping and fishing there was an exhilarating vacation for hard working men. Cooking for such a group was an ardous task. Lots were drawn to determine who was cook. A cook brooked absolutely no complaints from anyone. The unlucky victim who criticized a meal was immediately given the cooking responsibility. One hopeful cook drastically oversalted the stew hoping for some vitrolic remark. The first to put spoon to mouth, choked and exclaimed, "Gad, that's salty" but quickly recovered and continued, "it's just like I like it".

One of my Thomas uncles was a true bass master. He pursued this piscatoral denizen of rivers and lakes all of his life. He introduced me to the art of "spatting" for bass. Using a 22' bamboo pole with heavy line and whittled white pine float he brought in full stringers of large mouth bass. He used chub minnows for bait preferably 4-5" in lengths. Drifting gently along the edge of lily pads, drifts, or rock outcropping he cast the minnow ahead and at the edge of protecting cover. He stood in the center of a flat bottom boat, placed the bait with a side sweep of the pole. The float was set at approximately 18". A second person handled the boat oars and quietly guided it past the bait that lay suspended and waiting. The sudden bob and then the three or four foot run of the float signaled that a bass was on. My uncle never hurried a strike, "That bass runs with the minnow, stops, then turns it to swallow head first. When that float stops moving strike hard and hold on!"

With my fishing uncle and his son, who was a life long friend and companion of mine, I've shared many a campfire. With my cousin I've fished and hunted in the South, North, and Northwestern United States. A closeness to these men brought forth many accounts of Thomas thoughts and actions. Through their eyes I have viewed Thomas characteristics that reach back into legend and folklore. This cousin and his elder sister were childhood playmates of mine forming a close family bond.

What was the personal make-up of the Thomas strain? What were their emotional tendencies and temperament? How did they react among themselves and peer groups? The Thomas' in general were a high strung group. Nervous and temperamental they were quick to anger and equally quick to laughter. Extreme sensitivity caused vulnerability to offense and led to quarrels and long lasting resentment. Disagreement on such local and political issues as rural school consolidation produced rifts between kin that never entirely subsided. Yet the quick witted ability, the stinging humor, and high intelligence invited respect and produced a quality of leadership. Such a man was my grandfather Elias Thomas. He was a respected farmer and a graduate of the academy Liber College located near Portland, Indiana in the 1800's. He was widely known as Squire Thomas. Some referred to him as "Pepper" Thomas but never to his face.

Grandfather Thomas was highly moral and ethical. He was a teetotaler and an experience that he related about himself magnified the paradoxical humor of the event. To earn cash money men used to take temporary employment in various trades and occupations. Elias Thomas, at times, drove a freight wagon from Indiana to Independence, Missouri. On one of these trips the wagons were loaded with kegs of whiskey. It was midsummer and the trail was long, hot, and dusty. Grandfather and the teamsters of two other wagons decided to quench their thirst from the cool liquid contents of the cargo. They clipped hollow wheat straws from a grain field. Then they pried out a bung stopper from a keg and sucked the contents eagerly and generously. They were able to reach Independence that day and managed to turn cargo over to a freight station and their teams to a livery stable. Then came the stroll through town. Grandfather maintained that the boards of the sidewalk came up and slapped the bottoms of his feet! He never again touched alcoholic drink!

There were strict rules of social and moral conduct that were insisted upon among Thomas's and these usually prevailed. If one used profanity it was never in the presence of ladies. Tobacco chewing was considered demeaning as was drunkenness. Wife and child abuse was virtually nonexistent. Cheating and thievery were considered deserving of horse whipping. The honor and dignity of work or profession was in high regard. Vanity and self agrandizement were not countenanced. To so indulge immediately invited scathing remarks that literally lacerated the bone marrow and abruptly restored modesty and humility. Good manners in the home and among others were taught to children. One, for example, did not come to breakfast half dressed nor to any meal unwashed or uncombed. One did not complain about the food set before him nor was food wasted. Thomas's were known as God believing and respecting. Though there were several ministers among forebears, the Thomas's of Jay County, Indiana were not avid church attenders or supporters. Generally the Thomas's were not ''joiners''. A self reliance and independence obviated necessity of club, league, or other social or protective organization. There was respect for discipline and law and order. Occasionally however a bigot surfaced and embarrassed the relatives. To reveal emotion to any extent was looked upon as a weakness in men. Even in excruciating grief it was extremely rare to observe a man cry. Men, and to some extent women, tended to hide and suppress emotion. In love as in grief a decorum was preserved. Embracing and kissing were rarely exhibited.

This treatise has attempted to reconstruct a mode of human behavior as attributed to this family. There is no attempt at portraying either perfection or extreme negative behavior. Whenever a norm is projected it is recognized that deviations have and will occur. It is also interesting to note that the law of regression eventually pulls deviate characteristics back to the norm. Thus the family behavior characteristics over several centuries would have a central tendency. No doubt occasionally a Thomas became a weak person and indulged in behavior unacceptable to family or society. There were ill advised marriages and combinations of lineage through marriage that was unproductive morally and intellectually. This writer merely indicates that over a period of decades there was woven a fabric of central threads that provided endurance and integrity. The infusion of blood lines outside the original Welsh such as Germanic as in the case of this writer were effective in not only modifying behavior but in establishing additive chains of consecutive generation tendency. Throughout this presentation the author has been constantly aware that the injection of personal feeling, bias, or opinion would justifiably nullify the entire undertaking. Much of what I have recorded could also be written about any one family lineage.

I do not have at hand information as to the many and varied occupations attributable to the Thomas'. It is clear that farming during the early development of America was basic to the family sustenance. We do know of those devoted to the clergy. We know of teachers, professors, medical doctors, the armed services, and tradesmen. Considering the aesthetic and sensative make-up of the family there may well have been authors, actors, musicians, and artists. Whatever they undertook in earnest had to be superior for the Thomas' were perfectionists.

To those who may eventually read these notes in search of heritage or in search of themselves, there are definite assurances. These may be particularly pertinent for my own and many other descendants who in youth seek their destiny. To those who so seek: Be not afraid for others have faced danger and have tread thorny paths before you. Set your goals high and maintain a standard of which you can be proud. Be grateful for the traits and tendencies you have inherited both positive and negative. For one is your assurance and the other is your test. Hold your head high and face the world squarely for God has given you purpose. There is family to love, nation to preserve, a whole world to improve, and a universe to explore. Move forward and don't look back for you are, in part, proudly, and inescapably, a Thomas!

Respectfully submitted
Noel Thomas Myers
Portland, Indiana, Oct. 1, 1980

The Call of the Cat

(A frontier bedtime story as told to Noel T. Myers by his mother, Emma Thomas Myers.)

My great grandmother was one of those frontier women who lived when courage was an essential of every-day existence. She was an early settler in Indiana.

Great-grandmother used to reminesce in front of the huge open hearth telling her children of early adventures with Indians and animals. A favorite after supper evening story was about the big cat.

In early days, panthers, otherwise known as Puma or Cougar, roamed the forests of Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. They were familiar to the trives of Illinoi, Miami, Potawatomi and other Indian tribes in the Indiana territory. In fact, in war and in hunting the Indians commonly used animal calls for signals. The call of the Panther was a favorite one.

Great-grandmother as a small girl used to visit neighbor children over a mile from her home. One evening after such a visit dusk overtook her upon her way home. She was apprehensive of the scolding she would receive for being late in return. She was more afraid, however, of shifting shadows of the dark tree-bordered road.

The young girl, alert and tremulous, kept to the middle of the dirt road walking stealthily. She was aware of every movement and sound among the trees and underbrush. She recognized the twitter of birds settling for the night, the long quavering call of an owl, the snort of a whitetail buck, and the rasping notes of crickets and tree frogs. Her ears were attuned for any unusual sound that might give away the presence of a marauding Indian.

Great-grandmother was more than halfway home. Her breath came easier and her heart lightened as the thought of brothers and sisters and parents at the family table reassured her.

Suddenly the serenity of an Indiana autumn night was shattered by an ear-splitting scream. Great-grandmother was frozen in her tracks, too paralyzed by fear to move. Again and again came the scream - the anguished call of a tortured and departing spirit - the scream of a banshee! Frontier training had its effect, self preservation held its discipline. Great-grandmother instantly regained strength and started running down the road. Her pace was accelerated by the harrowing scream which kept pace in the forest beside her.

At last the welcome lights from the cabin window welcomed her. She dashed to the door, tugged on the latchstring and stumbled across the threshold. In gasps, she told her story.

Great-grandmother's father bounded to the fireplace and grasped the ever-ready muzzle loader racked on deer horns above the mantle. The brothers thrust pine-pitch torches into the embers of the fire, lighting them. The small army leaped outside one by one, circled the cabin, then made a hasty but cautious search of the clearing. Nothing was to be seen. There was no green glint of eyes and no warrior silhouette merging with shadows.

The next day a more thorough search was made. In the woods near the road for more than a quarter mile and plainly imprinted in patches of soft loam were the pug marks of a huge Panther. Although sought by man and dog, the animal was never seen. In that section of the Indian Territory the cry of the cat was heard no more.

Jay County Courthouse

The construction of the present Jay County Courthouse was started in 1915 and was built during the great European War and under many difficulties caused by rising prices of labor and material and scarcity of both. The construction was started before the United States was involved in the war and the building was dedicated in 1919. Jay Countians said, "Here is our lasting monument to peace and victory. We built it during trying times and when we finished it, there was not a cent of indebtedness on it." This fact will be a lasting monument to the splendid and progressive citizenship of Jay County. The dedication celebration lasted from January 22 to January 25.

The Dawson Construction Company was given the contract to build. The outer material was Bedford stone and was secured from Bedford, Indiana, where it was quarried. Inside this, the framework is brick and steel. The four approaches are made of the same Bedford stone with brick floors, at a cost of $14,900. The new building cost the County $350.000. Iliff and Swhier of this city built the high lawn, hauling thousands of tons of earth from south of Water Street. The cornerstone was laid in October of 1916 with Indiana Governor Ralston as speaker at the ceremonies.

Rooms were designed and furnished for the individual County offices. The auditorium met a need which existed in this community.

The railing on the stairways was furnished by the Art Metal Company of Jamestown, New York, and is topped by solid mahogany railings. The steps are of marble. The furniture and trim is made of fumed oak, and the Commissioner's Room is finished in cherry.

The historic paintings in the dome are: In the West end is a splended representation of the first pioneers arriving in this County which was a wooded wilderness. In November, 1823, a small group of persons with an ox team and cart and similar rude equipment is crossing the Mississinewa River. In the group were John Gain, a Dutch trader; John Brooks and his wife Mary and infant daughter, Nancy. They were trying to follow what was known as "Godfrey Trace" from a settlement on the Mississinewa River to Salamonia, an Indian town. The picture shows these persons preparing to build a fire to prepare a meal. On the East is the first log cabin ever built in Jay County. In the doorway stands Mrs. Peter Studebaker with babe in arms, while nearby stands her stalwart husband chatting with the Indians. The scene on the North is a gay, yet sad one as they are gathered to honor a number of Jay County men leaving for the South, there to fight for the freedom of the black man. On the South we see the same brave men doing the very thing for which they enlisted in the Civil War, to fight and to die if need be. Here is the battle of Shiloh, with both the North and the South in death struggle.

Jay County Courthouse

The lettering over the various offices is done with 15 square feet of gold leaf, 22 carat and was done by Ward Stone. The architects were Hulskin and McLaughlin of Lima, Ohio.

On July 7, 1969, the Jay County Commissioners accepted the proposal of Husmann's Decorating House for $5400 for the redecorating of the Courtroom in the Jay County Courthouse.

On March 16, 1970, two separate bids were accepted by the Jay County Commissioners for a total of $19,142 from Husmann's Decorating House for the redecorating and refurbishing of the dome and first and second floors of the Courthouse. Mr. Husmann used 28 different colors in the murals which he painted in the rotunda.

Husmann's Decorating House is owned by Mr. Henry Husmann who is a third-generation interior decorator, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Mr. Husmann was born in the State of Westfalen, Germany, in 1927. He studied in Munich for five years. At the age of 27, he came to the United States and settled in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Six years later, he and his wife moved to Portland. Mr. Husmann became a citizen of the United States in 1953.

Jay County's Courthouse stands as one of the most beautiful Courthouses in Indiana, and is greatly enhanced by the hand painting so exquisitely portrayed by Mr. Husmann.

The Jay Circuit Court

Prior to the establishment of the 58th Judicial District in 1897 comprising Jay County alone, Jay County had been at different times a part of other Districts or Circuits including Adams, Randolph, Wayne, Blackford. The numbers given the Districts were progressive by date of creation by statute, with the respective Nos. of the stated separated Circuits by County being as follows: Wayne (17th), Randolph (25th), Adams (26th) and Blackford (71st). The early Judges having served Jay County as set forth and being a part of the previous Districts and tabulated in Dr. Jay's History are repeated here for reference, as follows: Judges Bobo, Jacob M. Haynes, John J. Cheney, Jehu T. Elliott, Daniel D. Heller

Beginning in 1897 when Jay County was its own Judicial District, John W. Headington was appointed Judge to serve until the next regular election, at which time John M. Smith was duly elected and served from 1898 to 1904, the regular term being for six years.

He was followed by John F. LaFollette who was elected to serve from 1904 to 1910. James J. Moran was then elected in 1910 and served until 1914 when he was appointed to the State Appellate Court. Jacob F. Denney was then appointed in 1914 to complete the unfinished term of Judge Moran and until 1916 when Emerson E. McGriff was elected for one term until 1922. He was followed by Roscoe D. Wheat who was elected to serve until 1928. Frank Gillespie was elected in 1928 to serve until 1934.

In 1934 Hanson F. Mills, who had previously served as Jay Co. Clerk, was elected as Judge and served until his death in 1938. Judge James J. Moran was then appointed by the State Supreme Court to serve the remainder of Judge Mills's term to 1940.

Byron G. Jenkins elected in 1940 and served until 1952, being the first judge to be elected to a second term in Jay County. He ran for an unprecedented third term in 1952, but was defeated by Wayne W. Hinkle who served as Judge until 1958. He was succeeded by Burl V. Whitman who was elected and served for two terms from 1958 to 1970, at which time Keith Fraser was elected and served until 1976. Dale E. Hunt was duly elected in 1976 and is the present incumbent.

In 1975 the Indiana Legislature established by law a joint County Court for Jay and Randolph Counties to become effective January 1, 1976. The Court would have jurisdiction, original and concurrent, in all civil cases founded on tort or contract in which damages claimed would not exceed $3,000.00 Other jurisdiction would include certain felonies and misdemeanors and violations of traffic laws and ordinances.

The law provided that the judges of Randolph and Jay County Circuit Courts would select the first judge from a member in good standing from the respective Bar Associations to serve until the next general election. The first appointment was Raymond D. Tanner of Winchester who served for one year beginning Jan. 1, 1976. The Court sessions are in Portland and Winchester on certain days of the week fixed by court order. In the Fall Election of 1976 James E. Frank was duly elected and served from 1977 to 1981, being a four year term, and was re-elected in 1980 for a second term.

The Jay County Court is located on the 3d floor of the Courthouse at the opposite end from the Circuit Court in a room originally designated and furnished as a Superior Court but which has never been established or constituted by state law to handle an excessive case load or overflow from the Circuit Court. From 1918 the Superior Court Room housed different county, state and federal agencies until the inception of the County Court in 1975 as stated.

Submitted by Wayne W. Hinkle

Lawyers of Jay County

Following the recording and listing of Jay County Attorneys in Vol. I of the "History of Jay County" by our own native Jay County Historian, Dr. Milton T. Jay, other attorneys have entered the practice in Jay County following the dedication of Jay County's new courthouse in 1918, while others of the former listing have left the practice, moved or are deceased.

Those additional and succeeding attorneys appearing on the Jay County Bar Association roster, except for the current domiciled members listed below, are as follows:

Albert A. Abromson
Wheeler Ashcraft
Merle Burdg (not practicing)
Francis W. Brown
Ernest E. Chenoweth
Celia Edmundson (not prac.)
Harold P. Fiely
Augustus C. Ford
Byron G. Jenkins
James W. Grimes
Ardee Helm Jr.
Richard T. James
David C. Moser
Ralph Mott
Harry L. Nixon
Joseph Pitman
John A. Resler
James S. Shepherd
Robert L. Smith
O.E. Whittinghill
Zoe M. Wyatt

Many of the former and the latter and currently practicing attorneys have achieved great proficiency in the practice of law in this county and surrounding jurisdictions of the State of Indiana, some in politics and others retiring to other professions or eneavors. Richard T. James was elected and served as State Auditor. Francis W. Brown and Keith Fraser as State Senators from Jay and Randolph Counties; Robert L. Smith and John Coldren as State Representatives, the latter also as liaison between Gov. Bowen and the legislature and presently as special attorney to the present Governor Orr. Augustus C. Ford, Zoe M. Wyatt, Robert L. Smith, James W. Grimes, Wayne W. Hinkle, Marguerite M. Hinkle, Ardee Helm Jr., John Resler, Keith Fraser and Robert Clamme have served as Prosecuting Attorney. Jenkins, Hinkle, Whiteman, Fraser and Dale E. Hunt (presently presiding) have also served as Judge of the Jay Circuit Court, shown elsewhere in this historical resume.

The following list represents additional members of the local Bar Asociation who are presently in the active practice with their corporate, partnership or sole entities shown, as follows:

Dale E. Hunt, Presiding Judge
Clamme & Roberts, Partnership
  Robert A. Clamme
  Joel D. Roberts
Coldren & Franz, Partnership
  John Coldren
  Phillip A. Frantz
Keith Fraser, sole
Hinkle & Racster, Professional Corporation
  Wayne W. Hinkle
  William W. Hinkle
  Lon R. Racster
  George O. Lopez (Associate)
  Marguerite M. Hinkle (Retired)
Ludy & Bright, Partnership
  Max C. Ludy
  William Bright
Fred M. Lutes, sole
Whiteman, Shappell, Diller, Partnership
  Burl V. Whiteman
  Paul F. Shappell
  Tom D. Diller
Phillip D. Young, sole

Office of Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court

Names and terms of office served dating from the last named clerk set forth in the HISTORY OF JAY COUNTY by Dr. Milton T. Jay, being as follows:

Hanson F. Mills	1919-1927
Oral H. Barr	1927-1935
Ernest L. Steed	1935-1943
Fred M. Lutes	1943-1951
Carl A. Smith	Elected Fall 1950. Previous clerks held over one year. Smith resigned Jan. 1, 1952.
Dohrman Brotherton	1952-1953 Appointed until next election.
Dohrman Brotherton	1953-1961 Elected 1952.
John L. Hiatt	1961-1969
Vera M. Stults	1969-1977
Larry L. Vance	1977 incumbent

Submitted by Wayne W. Hinkle

Jay County Public Library

Built in 1902 at a cost of $15,000, the Portland City Library was one of many Indiana libraries which benefited from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. The dedication of a structure built specifically to house the city's library collection came a half century after efforts were begun to establish library service in the city. Dr. D.E. McNeal, local physician and school teacher, maintained the pre-Civil War collection housed in the Miller building on Main Street, but library service declined during the war effort.

In 1897 the Portland Alumni Association and city school teachers inaugurated a movement to revive library service. They held a book shower to acquire books for a room in the Bimel building at the southeast corner of Main and Meridian Streets. Throughout the next three formative years a board of trustees was named, and by early 1901 librarian Mellie Stanley reported holdings of 1414 books with an annual circulation of 15,763. Later that year plans were developed for the Carnegie building.

Library service extended to Wayne Township residents in 1919 and into the rest of the county in 1946. A bookmobile and a branch location to Pennville were added in 1948.

In 1973 a $150,000 two-story addition on the north side of the Carnegie structure was dedicated. The Portland-Jay County Library reorganized in 1976 and became the Jay County Public Library, serving all residents of the county except those within Penn Township and the City of Dunkirk. In 1981 the Jay County Public Library was the 48th largest library in the state with 21,877 potential patrons. It owned more than 93,000 books, cassette tapes, records, filmstrips and microfilms, with an average circulation of 14,000 items per month and a budget of $234,000.

Original Carnegie Public Library

Portland Public Library

The seven-member staff included Sarah Rarick, Katherine Rupe, Mildred Ludy, Patricia McAbee, Cassie Shultz, Rebecca Mahoney, and Rosalie Clamme, director. The 1981 Board of Trustees consisted of Donald Ayres, president; Judith Milligan, vice-president; Maryellen Wright, secretary; Jack Cole, treasurer; Ann Medler; William Hinkle, and Blaine Zimmerman.

Submitted by Rosalie Clamme

Friendship Shrine #31

Friendship Shrine *#31, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, was organized and received its charter in 1955. It is a men and women's fraternal order and was organized for social and benevolent purposes. It is an affiliate of the Masonic Lodge and the semi-monthly meetings are held in the Masonic Temple. The White Shrine of Jerusalem has a three fold purpose: (1) Fraternal, (2) Social and (3) Spiritual and Charitable.*

The Order is somewhat unique in its spiritual teachings. Like the Masonic Lodge and its appendent bodies, the White Shrine requires that its members believe in a Supreme Being. However, the White Shrine goes one step farther in that it requires "A Belief in and Defense of the Christian Religion." Its ritual is founded upon the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The initiatory work exemplifies the scenes and colorful garb of Bibical days in one of the most beautiful pageants to be found anywhere.

The charitable aspect sets the White Shrine of Jerusalem apart from other organizations. It helps worthy people who are less fortunate with financial assistance, regardless of race, creed, color, age or affiliation. Friendship Shrine, as a benevolent organization has paid about $18,000.00 on medical and hospital expenses for thirteen families and all but one of these families were residents of Jay County.

Verlyn and Ralph Frank were the first officers elected to serve in the East as Worthy High Priestess and Watchman of Shepherds. Others elected at that time were Pauline Snyder Bentz, Noble Prophetess, Richard Bentz, Associate Watchman of Shepherds, Beryl Brown, Worthy Chaplain, Helen Crosbie, Worthy Shepherdess and Darlene Gillespie as Worthy Guide. There have been twenty-four Worthy High Priestesses and eleven Watchman of Shepherds elected in the Shrine. The Shrine met in the Portland Grange Hall from 1955 to 1979, when they moved to the Masonic Temple at 513 North Meridian Street, Portland. Most of the officers are elected to serve as one year, however, the stations of the Worthy Scribe and Worthy Treasurer are not limited to a certain time. Verlyn Frank as Worthy Scribe and Alma Fleming as Worthy Treasurer, have each served about twenty years in their respective stations.

Many other activities have been enjoyed by members and friends as the ice cream socials, friends nights, parties and picnics are just a few of them. Several of the members live in other areas of the United States, but the active members live in Jay, Adams, Wells, Delaware and Randolph Counties in Indiana and Mercer County, Ohio.

Submitted by Verlyn Frank

The Glass Museum

The Glass Museum had its beginnings, under the sponsorship of the Dunkirk Lions Club, in the summer of 1971 when a number of interested citizens pooled their private collections of glassware to set up an exhibit at the time of the fifth annual Glass Days Festival. The exhibits, in the early days, were housed in the former Dunkirk Public Library building and were open to the public chiefly during Glass Days.

In 1972, according to the record, the late Mr. Joseph Porter, then president of the First State Bank of Dunkirk, suggested to Mr. Richard Hoofstetter, president of the Indiana Glass Company, that a permanent museum to recognize the contributions of the glass industry to the welfare of Dunkirk be provided. Mr. Hoofstetter asked Mr. Arthur L. Harshman, a member of his executive staff, to organize an effort to provide such a museum. Harshman, with the cooperation of others in the community, formed The Glass Museum Fund, Inc. to solicit funds from local institutions and citizens, from foundations, and from suppliers to the local glass factories.

By 1978, the museum, located adjacent to the Dunkirk Public Library, was sufficiently completed to permit the first exhibit there. In that year and the next, the museum was open to the public during Glass Days and at other times by appointment.

In June of 1979, the Dunkirk Public Library accepted the assets and liabilities of The Glass Museum Fund, Inc. One of the conditions of the transfer was: ". . . that the name (of the museum) must not include the work 'Dunkirk' or any other word that would be of local interest only." Since that time, significant steps have been taken toward completing and equipping the museum building. Also, volunteer help has allowed the museum to be open throughout the summer months. The popularity of the museum is attested by the attraction of thousands of visitors each year.

While many have contributed to the development and operation of The Glass Museum, it must be recognized that there are two individuals who are primarily responsible for its creation and subsequent development. The leadership of the late Arthur L. Harshman has been recognized by the dedication of The Glass Museum to his memory, in July of 1981. Much of the continued success of the Museum is due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Kenneth Webster in arranging and adding to the exhibits, securing volunteer help, and generally supervising the institution.

Submitted by Kenneth Webster

Knox Township

Knox Township is four miles wide and six miles long, making it one of the smallest townships in the county.

The township can boast that its first settlers were also the first permanent settlers in Jay County—John and Molly Brooks. They are buried just off County Rd. 59 on land now owned Manford Bergdoll.

There are two state highways that cross Knox Twp. St. Rd. 26 crosses the township east to west and St. Rd. 1 crosses the twp. North to South.

At one time there was six schools located in the township, Mt. Zion, Beaver Hill, Oakgrove, Center, Goodwill (sometimes referred to as the Listenfelt school) and the old Barnes school located in the northwest corner of the township. Beginning in 1939, these were all abandoned and the children sent to Dunkirk, Redkey, and Pennville.

Three churches are located here, Oak Grove United Methodist; Hickory Grove Church of the Brethern, and Faith Chapel an interdenominational church.

The present trustee is Phillip Premer.

This Township boasts of one industry, Wood Products Inc., owned and operated by Jim Bob McEwen and manufactures mostly wooden pallets.

Knox Township is average to good farming land. It is reasonably level to rolling, but produces well. The main crops are corn, soybeans, and wheat. At one time there were several good producing natural gas wells, but most of these old wells have ceased to produce. There have been a few new wells drilled in recent years, but most of these produce little gas.

Most of the population is made up of farmers, but some of them have jobs outside the township.

Submitted by Denzel Current

Noble Township

Noble Township was organized in Sept. 1837 and was named in honor of Noah Noble, governor of Indiana from 1831 to 1837. The first election was held in the home of James Graves. James Stone and family were the first permanent settlers arriving Sept. 10, 1830. He entered the first piece of land in Jay Co., November 9, 1832.

The first school house was built in 1839. The one room school houses were used until 1941 when the consolidated school was opened. High school pupils have always had to go outside the township. The last school was held in the township in 1975. Since then all children have been bused into Portland.

Bob Davis is trustee with Tom Bailey, Earl Brumm and Charles Coldren serving on the advisory board. At the present time Noble Township levies no taxes, it operates entirely from interest on investments.

Three churches remain: Bellefountain United Methodist, Mount Zion United Methodist and Noble Christian.

The first electric line was built through the township in the early 1920's along roads 120 and 203 coming out of Ohio. In 1938 the Jay Co. R.E.M.C. was organized. Most of the electric lines were bult before the outbreak of World War II. Some homes had to wait until after the War when material was available to complete the project.

There are very few World War I veterans still living in the township, possibly only four; Herman Cull, Gene Franks, Bernard Hilfiker and Harvey Zimmerman. All four own land that has been in their families continually for over 100 years. It had its proportionate share of World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans.

In 1976, The Bicentennial year, the township had between 20 and 30 farms that had been in the same family continually for 100 years or more.

It has remained almost entirely an agriculture community from it's beginning. Soybeans were introduced into the area just before World War I. They were used for hay and silage at that time, but now have become one of the principal cash crops. Corn and wheat are also leading crops.

Around 1930, in the early days of hybrid seed, William Bailey started a hybrid seed corn business. After the tragic highway deaths of William and Ethel Bailey, their children continued and expanded the business, with son, Wayne, as manager. In 1976, Wayne and his sons, Bill, Bruce and Bevan, acquired the entire company and that same year built one of the most modern seed conditioning plants in the Midwest utilizing precision cleaning machinery. It was further expanded in 1980. It has become one of the largest businesses ever in the township. Bailey Seed Farms, Inc. still produce hybrid seed corn on their own land plus wheat and soybeans for seed. They have many growers who produce seed for them, not only in Jay Co., but in other parts of Indiana and also Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. The facilities now include approximately 150,000 bushels of seed storage at the plant plus many producers store their seed in their own bins and deliver it to the plant at processing time. Baileys sell nearly a quarter of a million bushels of seed a year, with seed going to the East Coast into Pennsylvania and Delaware; south into Georgia, as far west as Wisconsin, and north into Michigan. The company is committed to breeding and testing new varieties with current breeding locations at Portland, Indiana, Charleston, Illinois, Homestead, Florida and Brownsville, Texas. This is the second year they have produced hybrid seed wheat and in 1981 started producing their own new genetic lines of wheat and soybeans which will be protected by the Plant Variety Protection Act. There are now 17 full time employees plus part time workers. The Bailey Seed plant is located on land that was purchased by the family from the U.S. government in 1836 and has been in the family continually since.

The Loy Sale Barn, another sizable agriculture related business, was established by Herschel Loy in 1947. The first sale was held July 11 of that year. His son, Donald, and wife, Lucille, purchased the business in 1970 and remodeled the barn in 1975. Consigners bring livestock in to be sold from a radius of 70 miles. Two evening sales are held each week. One is a general livestock sale and the other is a feeder pig auction. The feeder pig sales average a 1000 or more feeders each week. In 1980, a total of over 87,000 head of livestock were auctioned off, with 1981 showing an increase in the number of animals passing through the sale barn. Presently there are 32 employees helping with the sales. The third generation of the family is working at the sales. Lucille Loy, Donalds wife, runs the sale barn restaurant with the help of 4 or 5 workers. His brother, Ernest, is the senior auctioneer, his wife, Martha, clerks the sales; their son, Gary, and Michael Loy, Donald's son, are also auctioneers and they assest Ernest with the auctioneering. Alice Loy Strohl is office manager.

Since World War II, local agriculture has changed with the rest of the country, with fewer farmers farming more land and many of them working at full or part time jobs off the farm. Several farm wives also have off farm employment. A considerable number of the farm homes are occupied by families who make their living in town.

Submitted by Everett D. Cull

Richland Township

On December 23, 1819, John McDonald, a government surveyor, and his assistants established the south line of what is now Richland Township. That was definitely the beginning of that Township. On the same day they surveyed the east and the north lines and on the 26th they completed the boundary by surveying the west line. That was the Congressional Township 22 north, range 12 east.

This same territory did not become Richland Township until May 7, 1838, more than 18 years after it had been surveyed as a congressional township. In the spring of 1822 Joseph F. Polk with another company of surveyors divided this land into sections and quarter sections setting posts and notching witness trees at the corners.

After this divisional survey had been made, the land was ready for sale but no permanent settlers came. There were a few but they were known as squatters and soon moved on. A land office was established at Fort Wayne. It was another dozen years before the first settler came.

Halfway Creek flows south west a little south of the center of the township. It is the outlet of a drainage basin of some 25 square miles. It has its source in Jefferson Township flows thru Richland, thru Redkey and onto the west towards Albany where it flows into the Missisinewa River.

There were no land entrees until 1834. In that year three tracts were sold, but no cabins were built.

In the fall of 1835 three men made four land entries and Joel Wilson built a cabin in the south west corner of section 28 on land that he had entered the previous year. This is located south of Dunkirk near the Sugar Grove Church.

He became the first permanent settler of the township. After that came a great flood of land buyers, a few homes were built and practically the whole township was enterd. However, much of this land was bought for speculation and laid unimproved.

The land was sold for $1.25 an acre. In each section there were from one to nine entries made. Only section 28 had as many as 9 entries. This section lies south of the present Sugar Grove Church and it is divided thru the center by the Dunkirk-Fairview Rd. In it, or nearby, occurred many of the beginning activities of the township—first settlement, first school, first election, first baby and probably the first religious service.

Don Hillard, a native of Adams County, Ohio, came to Richland Township on March 25, 1836. He entered 240 acres of land in the north east part of section 27. Halfway Creek winds thru this land for a distance of more than ½ miles. About a mile and a half south west of Redkey SR 67 crosses this creek. A quarter of mile east of this crossing is a ridge. Here, Mr. Hillard built a home. He had three sons who grew up in the wild beautiful forest but sorrow came to the home. The mother was taken by death. The children were taken back to Ohio. Relatives took them in. Dow Hillard was free to come back to his Wilderness home. He later went to California, married an Indian squaw. No trace of the cabin can be found.

On July 21, 1834, James Green entered land in section 22. This is in the extreme S.W. corner of the tract of land later to become Richland Township. He built a cabin here. This was the first cabin in this township. Two months later on September 23, 1834, Jack Wilson entered a tract of land in the south west corner of Section 28. These two tracts cornered but were in different sections. Mr. Wilson hastily built a temporary shelter until he could get a larger house built. Richland Township government began in 1838. The people of this part of the country felt the need of some kind of government. Several of the men of this Congressional township met with the newly formed Jay County Commissioners and asked that it be formed into a Civil township. Because of the richness of the land, Mr. Benjamin Manor suggested that the name be Richland Township.

On May 7, 1838 at the term of the Commissioners Court, with Abraham Lotz, Henderson Graves, and Benjamin Goldsmith as Commissioner, the following order was made;

"Ordered that township 22 north range 12 east, be organized as a separate and independent township by the name of Richland and that there be an election held at the home of William Richardson on May-1838, and that James Booth be the inspector."

At the same session the following order was made:

Ordered that Township 22 north and Range 12 east compose 1 road district No. 1 and that Benjamin Manor be appointed supervisor of said district.

Thus the first government of Richland township was formed.

In 1879 the railroad came to our township. It was the L.E. and W.

Only two towns were located in Richland Township -Redkey and Dunkirk. It is essentially a farming community with two factories in Dunkirk.

Submitted by Treva DePoy

Bryant

Bryant had its beginning as a railway station for the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railway Company. However, there are no trains going through Bryant today. The town was platted in 1871. During the oil boom Bryant enjoyed a growth which reached in 1910, a population of 465 and thirty-two businesses, as well as two churches and a high school. But when the oil boom was over, money went with the workers and the people became again products of the soil. By 1975 the population had decreased to about 260 and there were only eighteen businesses, several of which have come into existence in more recent years. Today, instead of supporting three grocery businesses, only the one owned and managed since the late 1920's by Clair and Mildred Logan Shoemaker until their retirement in 1970, and now owned by James Pyle is still in existence. Until 1980 when it was closed, the Bryant Elevator had been in continuous operation since it was built in 1897, except when it had to be rebuilt in 1952 due to a fire. Three other longtime businesses are Smith's Diner, Smith's Service Station and Bryant Truck Stop and Cafe, all on U.S. Road 27 and State Road 67. Newer businesses in and around Bryant are three antique, three beauty, body, electric, radiator repair, television sales and service, and upholstery repair shops, garage, motor fuel, home heating oil, propane gas distributors, and a realty service.

For many years the Bryant Post Office was located on the corner of Main and Meridian Streets. On 10 July 1966, the present limestone structure was dedicated with Cline Huey as postmaster. In 1920 four mail carriers, namely, J. Grant Ebersole, Lewis Juday, Clive Macklin, and Samuel Poling, served rural Bryant. Today there are only two carriers, Don Haines and Alfred Wellman. Phyllis Smith Hoehamer is the present postmaster.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank at Bryant was organized in 1904, and located where the old postoffice building now stands, on East Main Street. The bank vault is still in the building. Later a brick building was built just west of the former location. Problems arose about 1929 with the economy decline and a cause of action was filed by the State of Indiana in 1930, declaring the bank insolvent and a hearing was held to appoint a receiver to dispose of the assets.

Until 1980 three churches were in use in Bryant. The Redeemer Lutheran Church on the corner of Malin and Elm Streets, had its beginning in the fall of 1874. Bryant Faith Lutheran was a part of the Bryant-New Corydon Parish from 1948 until the fire in January 1971 destroyed the New Corydon Zion Lutheran Church. A few months later the congregations decided to merge, and the name Redeemer Lutheran Church was chosen by the membership. In 1977 extensive remodeling was done to the church which was built on the present site in 1878 and remodeled in 1916. A modern parsonage was built on land northeast of Bryant in 1965. The Bryant Wesleyan Church (formerly Wesleyan Methodist), located on U.S. 27 on the south edge of Bryant, was organized in 1884. In 1895 a church was built at the present site. A limestone sanctuary, dedicated in 1964, joins the old building. A lime stone parsonage along with the commodious fellowship hall which occupies the basement under the parsonage were dedicated in 1975. The Bryant United Methodist Church (formerly Methodist Protestant, then Methodist), located on South Meridian Street, was dedicated in 1914 and was used until the members disbanded only a short time ago, some going to the Macklin United Methodist Church northeast of Bryant.

There are no schools within the corporation of Bryant. The bearcreek Township District No. 4 School which opened for use on Malin Street on 29 October 1900, was used for elementary and high school students. As the enrollment grew more teachers were added and in 1913 an addition was built on the east side of the building. On 8 February 1951, the first basketball game was played in the new community building and gymnasium which had been built immediately south of the school. The school was closed on 30 May 1975. The school building was demolished 27 January 1976, leaving only the Bryant Community Building. Students now attend school at Bloomfield Elementary, one mile south of Bryant, East Jay Junior High School, Portland, and Jay County High School, two miles west of Portland.

"Bryant Days" has been a regular celebration in Bryant in September since 1975 when the Bryant Centennial was observed and an area centennial book was published. In

1976 brief histories of Bryant and Bearcreek, Jackson and Wabash Townships were published in a booklet.

Bernadine Houser

Dunkirk

The first settlers of the site which became Dunkirk in 1837 were brothers-in-law, Isaiah Sutton and William Shrack and their families. The settlement began emergence from the pioneer era in the 1850's when improved brick houses were built to replace log cabins, crude commercial facilities were established, and the possibility of a railroad caused landowner Isaiah Sutton to plat a townsite named Quincy. The town was laid out in a unique manner, its streets being either parallel or at right angles to the surveyed railroad which ran in a southeast-northwest direction.

The railroad project lay dormant until 1864, when enough money was raised to complete it as the Union and Logansport Railroad in 1867. When the railroad became a reality for the pioneer community of Quincy, Dunkirk was the name applied to a station established there. A request of Isaiah Sutton to have the post office bear the name of his platted townsite was denied because of the prior existence of a Quincy, Indiana post office elsewhere. Since, the name, Dunkirk, came to be applied to both the post office and the railroad station, Quincy's plat was renamed Dunkirk in conformity to popular references to the area.

Dunkirk thrived with the coming of the railroad and the availability of markets in the East. In 1854, one year after the town was platted, only about 30 people comprised the total population. By 1867, the year of the railroad's completion, the town had grown to include 250 people. A mild "boom" prevailed until about 1875, by which time the town achieved a population of nearly 650 persons. At this time, there were a limited number of facilities, and the community possessed many frontier characteristics including mud, ruts, and dust—depending upon the season. The first industries utilized the abundant natural resource of timber. Wood-consuming enterprises like a saw-mill, a planing mill, a wagon shop, and a handle factory evolved to meet the demands of a thriving market.

In the 1880's, natural gas was found to underlie east-central Indiana, and it was this substance that provided the greatest stimulus to the town's growth. Dunkirk, located as it is near the center, or crown, of a subterranean rock structure which trapped natural gas, purportedly had the strongest flow of gas and the greatest prospects for future growth. Thus, the name CROWN CITY became a popular nickname which persists to this day.

Inducements of free land, free gas, and even cash bonuses encouraged glass entrepreneurs to locate in Dunkirk. As many as seven extensive glass factories, many of them making window glass, located there in the 1890's. Claims of at least fifteen glass industries were probably exaggerated for propaganda purposes by the counting of separate buildings or facilities of larger companies.

The supply of natural gas was not, as many people thought, inexhaustible. Wastage occurred on a large scale until the pressure subsided in the early 1900's. Window glass firms with small investments were easily dismantled and moved to places where gas was more abundant. When they left, much of Dunkirk's prosperity went with them. However, two glass industries could not be abandoned easily because of their size. There plants converted to "producer gas" made locally from coal and survived until natural gas became available again via pipeline from the American southwest in the early 1930's.

Dunkirk's population shrivelled somewhat following the gas boom era. More than 4,500 people resided there at the turn of the century, but this number shrunk to about 3,500 by 1914. Further reductions continued until 1920, when a low of 2,379 was recorded.

In 1982, Dunkirk is still a small town of slightly more than 3,000 people. In this diminutive setting, two moderately large glass factories have continued a stable industrial base by employing approximately 1,800 workers. These companies are: The INDIANA GLASS COMPANY which is a major producer of decorator ware and specialty glass, and the KERR GLASS COMPANY which manufactures food and beverage containers. In addition to these employers, a large FARM BUREAU CO-OP grain elevator now serves area farmers. There are fewer inhabitants living today within the city limits than during the town's heyday in spite of a greatly enlarged work force. Undoubtedly, this fact can be attributed to improved roads and automobile transportation which enables workers to commute easily from their homes in other communities.

The earliest form of transportation, the railroad, which provided the impetus for Dunkirk's growth still exists, but in a somewhat diminished stature. Originally, it was crude, uncomfortable, and unsafe, but was steadily improved and double-tracked under many names that culminated in the CONRAIL system of today. Its importance to the community has lessened after 100 years of service. Its wide roadbed now has only one track, passenger trains no longer exist, and only one daily freight train comprises the total traffic on the once busy line. Semi-trailer trucks have now assumed a large role in the transportation industry serving Dunkirk.

The title, "CROWN CITY of the Gas Belt", is not entirely an outworn expression today, but it has been modified in recent times to illustrate the continuance of a historical relationship between a community and its source of wealth. Thus, the "GLASS CAPITOL OF INDIANA" persists and endures.

Frederick W. Beeson

Condensed from a research paper entitled HISTORY OF A GLASS TOWN by Frederick W. Beeson dated 1964.

Ewingsville

William Finch was the owner of about a thousand acres of land in the eastern part of Jefferson Township, Jay Co., Indiana. On this land on January 4, 1838, Daniel W. McNeal platted and surveyed for Mr. Finch the town of Ewingsville. It was located one and a half miles southeast of the site of New Mt. Pleasant. It was a small town, containing but 36 lots and two streets. Main and Meridian. The corner of lot #4 at the beginning of Meridian St. was marked by lines extending to two witness trees, one a hickory 14 inches in diameter, and the other a line 20 inches in diameter.

Not quite two months later, on March 2, 1838, the same surveyor platted and surveyed for Jacob H. Sanders another town, which Mr. Sanders named New Mt. Pleasant, in honor of a Quaker meeting house in Ohio. It is not known why Mr. Finch called his town Ewingsville, but it is supposed that it, too recalled familiar associations of other days. Mt. Pleasant was on the line of the Godfry Indian Trail. Ewingsville had no road except the bridle paths through the great primeval forests. New Mt. Pleasant, having the better location, at once began to prosper, and as early as 1840 Mr. Sanders laid off eastern and western additions to his thriving little town.

William Finch was a man past 40 years of age when he came to make his home amid the forests of Jay County. He had money and ambition. His hopes were high and his prospects seemed encouraging, but his town of Ewingsville had strong competition and failed to make even a beginning towards development. After the failure became evident he turned the town site into a cemetery, a city of the dead. In October 1863 when he had reached the age of almost 79, his spirit passed to the great beyond and his body was laid to rest on the site of his beloved town. The members of his family are lying by his side, and many of the old-time pioneers, companions of his life, lying beneath the low green tents near by, are still keeping him company.

Finch's Cemetery Rd. on 107 (Jay Co. Conservation Club Road). The location of the little cemetery, on the dividing ridge between two ravines, is one of nature's beauty spots. The hickory and the linn, mute witness trees of the ghost town, have fallen by the woodman's ax, but on the western border is a delightful wooded ravine that leads to the headwaters of Brooks Creek. The ravine east is farther away, but it, too, is to located as to lend enchantment to the quiet scene.

The old pioneer sleeps among the scenes of his early ambitions. The music of the wild that he loved so well, the songs of the birds and the murmuring of the winds through the forest trees are still about him. The long afternoon shadows spread their soft coverings over his lowly bed, and in the town of his lost hopes he rests in peace.

Submitted by Sharon Finch

Pennville

August 27, 1836, the village of "New Lisbon" was laid out by Samuel Grissell, a Quaker, who had just entered his land in the Land Office at Fort Wayne. The name was changed to "Camden" in August of 1837. It remained Camden for many years, being incorporated in 1854 and again in 1870. In 1892 the name was changed to Penn then to Pennville later in 1892, because Carroll County, Indiana, had a Camden, and the postal authorities wanted the name changed.

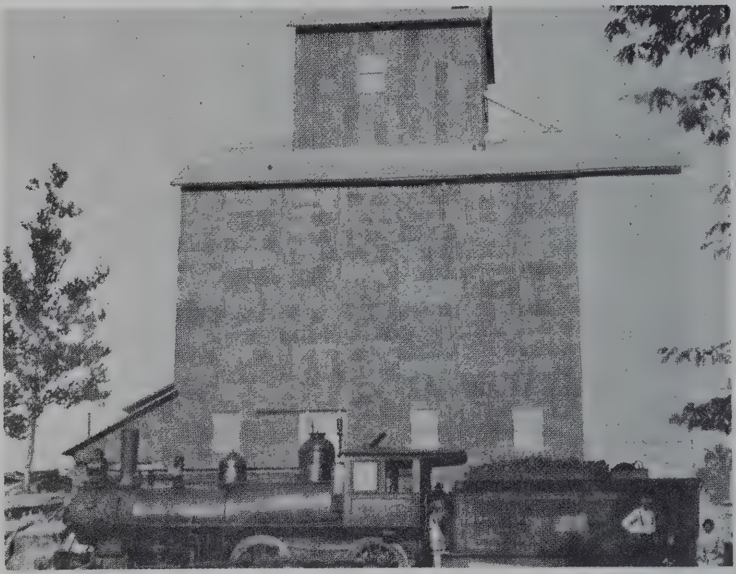
Meridian and Bridge Streets, the latter having a bridge crossing the river on its west extreme, were the main business district of the town. Here were the old Inn and hotels and business buildings.

The first school was taught in 1837-1838 in a log house where the Friends Congregation held Sunday worship. School met through the week with Levi Johnson as its first teacher. This school and church was on the site of the old Quaker Cemetery in the east part of town, across from the elevator.

The first Methodist Church was a log building in S.E. part of town. A frame building was erected in 1858, moving in 1890 to the corner of Main and Meridian Streets. The Quaker Church was first used as a school, and the church was located in what is now the Old Quaker cemetery in the

PROVIDENT HOSPITAL

Provident Hospital, Pennville



Pennville Elevator, now Fred Miller Feed, Co.

Home Union, Pennville.

east part of town, then moved to where the elevator now sits. Then the old Burdsell home was purchased in the north part of town and used by the Quakers until sold to Marietta Jones. The first Christian Church met in a log building and moved to a farm building at its present location on Meridian and Bridge Street. This building was first one of brick and the present one of cement block

Camden had a grist mill built in 1844 by Samuel Grissell and a sawmill both run by water-power in 1850. These mills were replaced by steam power. The woolen mill built in 1865 by John Hiatt made flannels, blankets, and other material.

Seth Armitage built the first wagon south of town. The Eberlys made the finest of harness—making a set for Queen Victoria of England.

Edwinna Hedges

City of Portland

The years from 1922-1981 were very productive as far as the City was concerned. While each administration presided over the City, sewers were maintained and/or improved, streets were paved, and new street lights were installed whenever and wherever necessary. Each Mayor took a great interest in moving ahead and making Portland a better City in which to live. The following is a small sample of the accomplishments achieved by each Mayor while in office.

During the years from 1922-1926 Thomas Fleming presided as the Mayor of Portland. After taking the oath of office Mr. Fleming was notified that the City was in debt over $200,000.00. While in office he was able to delete this huge indebtedness. In the year 1922 a permit was given to Mr. Morris Weiler to build a structure to be known as the Armory, and in 1924 a new high school was to be constructed. Mr. Fleming appeared to be a very productive and progressive Mayor during his term of office.

Dr. C.V. Gott was the Mayor during the years of 1926-1934. During his administration his goal was to bring new industry into the City. In the year 1926 a permit was granted to construct the Weiler Building. Mr. Gott was very much interested in moving the City forward and seemed to be able to accomplish this during his term.

In the years of 1935-1947 Mr. Luther Hammitt presided as Mayor of Portland. His term was highlighted by improving the power plant, creating a bond issue for a new addition to the electric generating plant and also establishing a recreation center and playground on the premises known as the Weiler homestead.

Mr. Fred Jones' term as Mayor was short, 1948-1949, due to his unexpected death in 1949. However, during his term of office he did initiate the use of parking meters in the downtown business district.

In February of 1949 thru 1952 Mr. Albert Abromson took over the unexpired term of Fred Jones. While Mayor he created a Planning Commission for the City. Also during this term the Clerk-Treasurer, Clem Wilson, passed away and Jesse Peters assumed his position for the remainder of the term.

The years of 1952-1956 were administered by Mr. Dale Miller. Many new streets and additions were developed during his term, such as the addition of 10th, 12th, Bridge and Shank Streets and Miller Avenue.

Mr. Herbert Lyons presided over the City as Mayor in years 1956-1959. While in office plans for a new sewage treatment plant were discussed and acted upon. In the year 1957 building of a new high school facility was granted. Also during this term a resolution was passed for $139,000.00 for the construction of a new swimming pool. Progress was defintely first at hand with this administration.

During the years of 1959-1964 Ray Burk was Mayor of Portland. The construction of the new swimming pool was completed during this term of office. Also a very controversial issue took place while Mr. Burk was in office, that being the sale of the light plant. Many long evenings were spent deliberating over this issue which finally ended with its sale in 1962.

In the years of 1964-1968 Mr. Ted Montgomery presided over the City. As Mayor he managed to direct the City forward. City Hall was purchased in the year 1966. Also a new city barn was erected to house the cities equipment. Cable T.V. was introduced to the City in 1966. During his term, Ralph Green, Clerk-Treasurer, passed away and was replaced by Mary Lou Foltz.

Robert Ford governed the City as Mayor during the years of 1968-1976. Much progress was made in initiating new reforms for the City. For instance, a public employees' retirement fund was set-up for all City employees. During these years a new Armory was constructed at a price of $412,000.00. A new sewer project was introduced also during this administration.

In the term of 1976-1980 Mr. Gene Romack was Mayor. While in office he continued on with the new sewer project and a new wastewater treatment plant. The City during this term purchased the old Armory at a price of $10,000.00. The purpose of this purchase was hopefully to bring extra revenue into the City.

For the past two years 1980-1981 Mr. James E. Luginbill has presided as Mayor of Portland. Many improvements have been made to the City during this administration, such as the completion of the new wastewater treatment plant, new industry, new industrial park, new Wayne Street, and newly refurbished airport. One can see that this Mayor is working on making this a bigger and better City in which to live.

Linda Sells

Portland Drain Tile Co., Ca.

City of Portland - A Commentary

Except for some representative basic accounts this commentary does not purport to detailed specificity in recording either events or people in the development of, or in the contemporary status of Portland, Indiana. It is believed that the exactness and the thoroughness essential for the historian and the genealogist are adequately provided in referenced county records and prior histories. It is the intent of this writing to reveal a thread of human, economic, and cultural episodes that were part of the continuous fabrication of a dynamic community. Some recall of early episodes and cursory analysis of near past and present, it is believed, should give researchers the basic clues for desired further investigation and yet accomplish the focal purpose of satisfying major interests of readers. To attain these objectives, in part, editorial perogative has been used where deemed appropriate.

Compiled by Noel T. Myers

PORTLAND

The original site for Jay County's center of government and commerce was surveyed by D.W. McNeil June 5, 1837. The plot had been donated by Obidiah Winters, Benjamin W. Hawkins and H.H. Cuppy. Mr. Cuppy had acquired the land from Daniel Reid.

The Greenville Treaty of August 3, 1795 established a boundary line from Fort Recovery southwest to the Ohio River at the mouth of the Kentucky River. The treaty signed by Maj. Gen. Anthony Wayne for the United States ceded land south of the line to his country. Relinquishing their land were chiefs of the Wyandots, Shawnees, Ottawas, Chipeewas, Pottawatomies, Miamis, Eel Rivers, Weas, Kickapoos, Plankeshaws, and Kaskaskias. A subsequent treaty on October 6, 1818 ceded to the United States land north of the boundary. The state legislature passed a bill on February 7, 1835 which laid out all unorganized territory of extinguished Indian title into suitable counties. By this action Jay and fifteen other counties came into being. Jay was formally recognized as a county by an act passed January 30, 1836. This county extends 18 miles north-south and 21 miles east-west and encompasses 241,592 acres. The county was named after John Jay, U.S. Supreme Court Justice. Thus came into existence a county tract necessitating a focal point of government called the county seat.

*A special meeting of the county commissioners was called on December 5, 1836 to name the counties new central village. There was much sentiment for the name Reidville in honor of Daniel Reid who had donated the land. The commissioners decided upon the name Portland and the village was not incorporated as a town until June 28, 1836.

(3) Harriet Jones, Portland resident, relates that much controversy has ensued over the origin of the city's name. She quotes her father, Orla G. Frazer, as providing the authentic source. Mr. Frazer was a grandson of one of Portland's original planners. He testified that Daniel McNeil original city surveyor, derived the name from the concept of a "land port" or "inland port".

Portland was located on ground just north of the Big Richmond Salamonie River a short distance of where the stream was crossed by the Ft. Wayne Trace. The river, forming a headwater of the Wabash, and carrying east west canoe traffic in proximity of the north south Trace formed a natural nucleus for travel and basic commodity trade. Portland's early commerce was limited to basic tools, dry goods and staples. County produce sold or exchanged was lumber, hides, some wool, cured meats and increasingly cereals and slaughter animals.

Farm produce gradually increased as a mainstay of commerce for the city and the county. First, horse drawn machinery, and then finally in 1910 and onward farm mechanization swelled the recripocal trade in the area. The trades of blacksmithing, carpentry, and various metal trades increased with new techniques of farming, grain storage and marketing. Livestock production and marketing came into prime recognition by the mid 1920's. From the 1930's through the 1940's dairying developed into an important industry and pork raising remained a dependable farm option in spite of market ebb and flow. Beef raising and feeding was also a Jay County enterprise that over a long period produced persistent economic grains. Early county agriculture from 1910 through the 40's was stabilized by the current practice of small to medium farms with diversified programs. Forty to 80 acre farms were abundant and the owner-operators not only practiced crop rotation but also raised beef and pork; kept cows and poultry. Home gardens and truck patches produced family food and often had an overage for the Portland market. A status of self sufficiency further enabled those farmers, not overwhelmingly indebted, to survive the depression of the early 1930's. It was, and continues to be the agriculture production and the subsequent servicing trades, food processing, transportation, and retail businesses that form a major mainstay of Portland's economy. Due largely to this agrarian back drop the county seat has maintained a stable population factor for three generations. Portland has never been a "boom town" nor has it ever lapsed into the danger of being a "ghost town".

During the mid 1800's to 1900 the industrial aspects of the county were represented by a scatteration of blacksmith shops, lumber mills, cane mills, cider mills, and grist mills. Refinements of these processes brought on more sophistication and more county seat centralization of industry. By 1876 Portland contained an updated flour mill, lumber mill, barrel factory, sash and blind factory, one for buttertubs, another for wagons and carriages. There also was a marble works, a garment factory, and a tile kiln. Local natural gas before and after the turn of the century gave impetus to Portland's growth until its ultimate disappearance with less than twenty years of intense use. In 1890 Fred Bimel installed the town's first electric plant. Portland had a municipally owned plant for many years servicing not only the city but also some of the rural area. Meanwhile coal and fuel oil rapidly replaced wood and natural gas as sources of energy. Prior to electric energy many of the county's farms utilized wind mills for pumping water to supply home and livestock needs.

Portland has been fortunate in having a bountiful deep well water supply. The first water plant was installed in the early 90's fed by a system of deep wells. But Portland also has had a surface water situation that has been a continuous

*Note: The successive accounts of the county's and of Portland's early development are comprehensively recorded in:

(1) Hist. of Jay Co. Vol. 1: M.T. Jay, 1922, PP170-184.

(2) Biographical & Historical Record, Jay & Blackford Co., Lewis Pub. Co. 1887

(3) Note to Jay Co. Historical Society, 1981, signed Harriet Jones.

problem. The city was unadvisedly located on low swampy ground to the north of the river instead of the higher ground to the south. Extensive filling, ditching and river redredging have not entirely alleviated the danger and inconvenience of spring flooding. This will remain an engineering concern for sanitary and storm sewer systems extending into the future.

A system of sanitary sewers along with domestic water supply replaced individual rainwater cisterns and fresh water wells. The updated systems also spelled the demise of privys that lined the residential alleys. The services of the "Honey Dipper" were replaced by the eventual sewage treatment plant. As of 1980, sewage treatment evolved into an updated process.

Along with the top surfacing of former brick streets came the demise, by 1918, of the familiar clip clop of shod horses as they walked or trotted down the thoroughfare. A land mark was the town pump and horse watering trough at the southwest corner of Meridian and Main streets. In those early years one could see, in lines far down both streets, the hip shot stance of horses as they awaited the return of shopping or gossiping drivers.

The rail system of transportation installed in the late 1800's and early 1900's gave Portland a growth impetus. This included the CBC, the New York Central and the Pennsylvania lines. The Muncie-Portland branch of the Union Traction line afforded excellent transportation for the local area. By rail the county seat was in contact with the major cities and markets of the mid-west. Prior to the laying of rails passenger conveyance was either on horseback or via stage coach. As of 1982 only one railroad, an east-west freight line, serves this city. Trucks, passenger busses, and air traffic have largely replaced the rail system.

Portland has two truck terminals operated by Teeple Truck Lines, and the I.R.D. & C. Line. Twenty other truck lines operate in the community without terminals. Overnight delivery is available to major cities.

The city is located on a major north-south Highway, U.S. 27, extending from Mackinaw City, Michigan to Miami, Florida. Indiana S.R. 26 intersects U.S. 27, and S.R. 67 in the city and carries traffic across the northern half of the state. S.R. 67 is a northeast-southwest artery linking St. Louis, Missouri, and Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio areas. The ABC Coach Line provides passenger service to Portland.

A recently expanded municipal airport is located on the northwest side of Portland. It is FAA approved and handles charter and business flights.

The population of Portland is 7,040. This represents a moderate growth and is in ratio to birth rate. Increase has been from 5,157 in 1910 to 5,958 in 1920 gradually emerging to the present level. The 1980 census figure for the entire county is 23,239.

The spirit, the intent, and the capabilities of any community are bolstered considerably by its civic clubs and organizations. Portland has six civic clubs: Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Optomist, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Chamber of Commerce. There are eleven organizations some of which are bi-sexual in membership: Elks, Eagles, Masons, Demolay, Eastern Star, American Legion, Disabled Veterans, Veteran of Foreign Wars and Welcome Wagon Club. The Portland women have fifteen organizations exclusively devoted to their particular purposes: Beta Sigma Phi, Gammu Nu, Psi Iota Xi, Tri Kappa, Job's Daughters, Eagles Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, Women of the Moose, Daughters of American Revolution, Daughters of Rebecca, Business and Professional Women, American University Women, Jay Registered Nurses Association, Daughters of American Colonists and 8 & 40. There is also a county teachers association and an Indiana Retired Teachers Association. Clubs that give special attention to the arts are the Jay County Arts Council, and the County Historical Society. The Farm Bureau, the Farmers Union and Grange represent farm interests.

Meridian St. Bridge.

Cultural and recreational facilities vary in accord with age and interests of groups. In 1980 the following were in operation: An 82,000 volume public library; indoor theatre, municipal swimming pool, two school gymnasiums and an auditorium. There are Boy and Girl Scout clubs, and 4-H programs for adjacent rural residents. The country club at the south edge of the city has a nine hole golf course. Four parks comprise 55 acres and there are four lighted athletic fields. The county's fifty acre fairground borders the city and accomodates events other than the annual fair.

As a partial means of social contact and recreation a growing number of people eat meals away from home. Four of the fraternal and social establishments have food serving facilities. Eight fast food and five table service restaurants were operating in 1980. In addition some churches have food kitchens and accomodate special groups.

Outdoor sports are limited sources of recreation. Chemical polution has endangered fish in the Salamonie and Wabash rivers. There are some farm ponds accessible by permission. Members of the local Bass Club haul their outfits considerable distances for favorable fresh water fishing. There is yet trapping of fur bearing animals but habitat change and public concern are gradually diminishing this venture. Similarly, hunting of upland game has greatly decreased. The use of farm chemicals has placed many

Butcher's Lagoon Park.

species in the endangered list. The adaptable white tail deer has returned to this county after complete extinction in 1860. Unfortunately the nefarious practices of trespass and illegal hunting are threatening extinction once again.

Three successive winters of heavy snow in 1976-79 brought a boom in snowmobiling. However these were most abnormal winters and the opportunities for this sport in this area are quite limited. It is a challenge to the Portland community to devise and to foster healthful outdoor recreation that meets needs for the preponderence of residents. To date impromtu jogging and rural horseback riding are limited examples of meeting a comprehensive need.

Limited opportunities in actual sport participation, explains in part, the intensive devotion to vicarious participation. The Jay County High School athletic teams in football, baseball, swimming, track and basketball (Hoosier Madness) attract avid spectators and booster fans from throughout the county. A large segment of the male population is emotionally attached to various big league baseball teams. Saturday afternoon obsession with TV presentations of college and professional football further captivates the male vision of sports involvement. The "barber shop coaches" and "Saturday night quarterbacks" are never in short supply.

There are inputs into the cultural and educational segments of a community that short term, long range, and both subtle, and direct, influences. One daily newspaper of recognized quality serves the county from Portland. This is the Commercial Review with a circulation of 6,000 copies.

Portland Radio Station WPGW AM/FM carries local and national news and is an affiliate of the ABC Network.

Portland has a television cable service CATV and presents major network programs of ABC, NBC, CBS and Public TV. Thirteen channel programs are available.

Rounding out and expanding a former agrarian trade economy are eighteen small to moderate size industries. (1) These are tabulated as follows:

Company	Product	Employment
Coca-Cola Bottling Co.	Beverages	45
Createc Corporation	EPS Packaging	43
Four-M Manf. Group, Inc.	Corrugated Inner Parts & Solid Fibre Partitions	48
Fullenkamp Machine & Tool	Machine and Tool Construction and repair	8
Graphic Printing Co.	Printing and Newspaper	42
Hartzell Propeller Fan Co.	Industrial & Commercial Ventilating equipment	40
International Multifoods	Grain & Pet foods	56
Jay Garment Co.	Work & Play Clothing	350
Jay Products Co., Inc.	Refrigeration componets	120
Meshberger Bros. Stone Corp.	Limestone Products	25
Naas Foods, Inc.	Tomato Products	75
Pennville Custom Cabinets	Kitchen Cabinets ensembles	50
Portland Industrial Products	Industrial Lift Equipment	40
Quick Plastics, Inc.	Extruded Plastics	15
Sheller-Globe Corp.	Steering Wheels	130
Standard Brush & Broom Co.	Brooms & Brushes	85
Teledyne Portland Forge	Drop & Upset Forgings	585
W & M Manufacturing	Casket Hardware	12

(1) Portland Area Chamber of Commerce, Dec. 1981.

The physical efforts, the intelligent planning, the study, the sacrifices that afforded a steady growth to the seat of the County of Jay are commendable human ventures. That there were also human attributes of chicanery, connivance, political and commercial fraud, hypocracy suspected, partially known and unrecorded. These form a truism that intrigues the memory of every human community. History of man is written in soot, as well as in gold, and includes banality as freely as immortality. These opposite forces, sometimes operating covertly, sometimes openly, sometimes retarding, often expediting, have bequeathed a community inured to conservative realism. The community's heritage is one of intermittent self-evaluation, corrections, and redirection.

That Portland reached an apex of commercial activity due to individual and group activities, has been chronicled in previous history. (1) The first organized business group materialized in 1912 headed by Keith Spade. This group advanced the business and professional interests of Portland for more than a decade and paved the way for the presently established Chamber of Commerce.

The accomplishments of entrepreneurs and business groups in the structuring of a community in this part of the early midwest is legendary. A partial listing includes: The J.M. Spade Grocery, the Centennial Flour Mill, The Haynes Milling Co., the "Drop Forge", Martin & Botkin, The Model, Cartwright & Headington, Mosslers, and Weilers clothing stores, Tormohlen Hatchery, Bimel Spoke and Wheel, Lay Broom Co., Jay Garment Co., Schwartz Brush and Broom, Schatz Bakery, Pierce Ice Cream Parlor, Hartleys Dairy and hamburger stand. The photo studios, and services of Schwartz and competitor Hunt, did a phenomenal task of recording people, landmarks, and events. The Hines Theatre kept much of the populace abreast of film entertainment, pictorial news, and special stage programs. Banks and financial instutions made possible ownerships and expansions. The professional complement of doctors, teachers, lawyers, and ministers served and safe guarded the health, minds, and spiritual needs of the community. It would be remiss not to mention that taverns and pool halls were as much a part of the city's social mores as were Saturday night dances at the Armory and Ladies Aid socials. All social and recreational outlets of a community are components that modify or mold behavior and comprise the total society.

(1) ibid Hist. Jay Co. Vol. I

Pertinent Social and Economic Challenges

The Portland community has changed and grown over a 150 year period in many respects oblivious to environmental change. Physical assets and conditions that affect all forms of life were taken for granted or completely ignored. The most beautiful and precious resource, the giant hardwoods, were quickly diminished. There has been no adequate nor systematic forest reserve system to replenish oxygen, conserve soil, water, prevent erosion, form wild life habitat, preserve plant species, and to abate severe wind.

Shallow oil wells have sucked out the upper strata crude oil. The natural gas supply lasted a relative few years and now only provides heat energy for a few scattered farm homes.

The inclination and trend on surface water handling has been to drain as thoroughly and quickly as possible. Little attention has been given to down river flooding, to water table retention, and to soil erosion. A few farm ponds are symbolic conservation gestures. A horrendous food production enigma in the 5 to 15 ton per acre loss of soil each year due to water and wind erosion will plague the area for at least the next decade. In this contest Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 is being observed by county farm groups for its ultimate effect.

At the turn of the century Jay County had a decentralized government in which much authority was vested with the individual township trustees. This was virtually a mandate resulting from time involvment, transportation, and inadequate access roads and means of communication. The township trustee was responsible for the district elementary school system, bridges, roads, drainage, and taxes. These functions have been consolidated as county responsibility and assigned to respective county officials including county commissioners and the county board of school trustees. The township trustee is now primarily concerned with welfare and some distribution of federal funds. Centralized responsibility in the court house has strengthened the service status of the City of Portland.

Portland is a fifth class city. It is governed by a Common Council and a Board of Works and Safety. These entities are presided over by a Mayor. There is essential collaboration with the County Council and County Commissioners on matters that affect overall county government.

Portland's zoning oridance of 1950 was revised in 1979 and includes a Thoroughfare and Sub-Division Control. It is administered by a Planning Commission and a Board of Zoning Appeals.

Protective Services

The Portland Police department consists of a Chief and ten officers. Where needed, and appropriate, responsibilities are coordinated with the county Sheriff's Department and the Indiana State Police.

The county seat has a modern and efficient fire department. There are six full time employees and twenty volunteers. This personnel complement with five trucks services not only Portland residents but also rural dwellings. County towns are also aided on emergency basis.

Plans for a new and adequate county jail are being finalized. This will relieve inadequate retention facilities throughout the county.

There is one game warden in the county under jurisdiction of the State Department of Conservation. This officer constantly faces an ardous and sensitive task in protecting game and rights of land owners. He works in cooperation with the sheriff's department and state police.

Town marshals are present in Redkey, Dunkirk, and Pennville. These officers work with other county, city, and state law enforcement officers on a need basis. These resources provide a protective, and an assistance pattern for the county seat environs. Culminating the county justice system is a Jay County Circuit Judge, a City Judge, and a Prosecuting Attorney.

Environmental health standards for city and county are under jurisdiction of a county sanitarian. Two public health nurses provide services for eligible groups and individuals.

Service offices for the county community, located in the City of Portland, include the Cooperative Agriculture Extension Office.

Portland is located between the Priam and the Teas River Valleys. This is a large underground fresh water system. The city and community are fortunate, but this vast resource as any other is not inexhaustible! The natural replacement rate is many thousands times slower than the potential use rate. But the immediate and near future concern is one of domestic, agricultural and industrial contamination. Once contaminants are permitted to seep and to infiltrate this water resource hundreds of years will be required, aided by belated safeguards, to restore potable water.

The past two decades have witnessed a desertion, steadily increasing, of Portland's mid-town facilities. Many buildings that housed retail establishments are now vacant. The tendency for both merchandising enterprise and residential need is to exploit the food producing land adjacent to the city.

A program of this type invites many problems. The taxable value of mid-Portland is being decimated. Extended services of water, power and sewage are being multiplied in

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Memorial Day Parade.

cost. Food production potential is in direct ratio to acreage used for out-of-city housing, commercial establishments, streets and access roads. In the '80's the national trend is toward urban renewal and away from uptown decay.

It has previously been indicated that Portland's growth has been gradual. This has afforded an opportunity to move in unison, with resident demand for services. Population has further been stabilized by a drain off to larger urban centers. At the turn of the century families tended to be large in number. This was particularly true of farm families. Large families were an economic asset during the early period of labor intensive farming. As farming became mechanized and as industrialization expanded rapidly, youth left farm and village residency for the advantage of greater cash wages in cities. From a high of 30% of population engaged in farming, this figure has decreased to 5%. In this trend the Portland area has followed the national norm and that element of population that might have remained has been siphoned off to larger cities. It is perhaps also significant that Portland to some extent is a commuter residence since many are employed in other cities.

Again in conformity with a national norm, Portland is becoming a city populated by more mature citizens. It could have been anticipated that the city would have become static in growth due to a 0 population birth rate. However this is being offset by life longevity. In 1980 average life span for males was 72. A life span of 82 is projected for the year 2000 and age achievement of 110-120 is not expected to be unusual. Changing diets and rapid advance in medi science are accountable.

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During the early history of the county there was cohesive interdependence among residents. Cooperati under taking ranged from barn and house raising to bu- chering. Mechanization brought about a gradual change a more rapid transportation hastened it. Rural people becor more self-sufficient. This helped to create a stratified socie as Portland became a commercial center and gained ne residents. There definitely developed a societal gap betwe city and country. The city dweller had real or imagined a vantages and was believed by farm dwellers to express a f superiority. Thus emerged such colloquialisms as "ci dude", "tender foot", "manure forker", and "far bum". Although much verbage was in ribald good humo some became vitrolic and resulted in Saturday night fist conflict in dimly lighted alleys. The economics of improve agriculture and the leveling by public education large ameliorated this vogue by mid century.

In many ways Portland was fortunate in not having th baronial and subservient strata that existed between i dustrial owners and employees in part of the industrialize east. There has not been the gap between the enormous wealthy and the lower professional and working classes th existed in the coal and steel fabrication farther eas Portland, for the most part, has not had the private an closed club atmosphere. There has not been tremendo gaps in wealth, and Portland has developed more of democratic atmosphere than one of snobbery.

Politics in the county, and its seat, have always been lively subject and a motivating influence. Early in the cour ty's history, there was a fanatic adherence to party membe ship and expression. One belonged to the political faith c family, and this was either Republican or Democrat. Me lived for years without speaking to one another because of political difference. Character was often judged in acco dance with party membership. Intermarriage between opposite political members was not too unobtrusively frowne upon. Women, when given suffrage, automatically voted i line with husbands. There was seldom logic in political faith but what was lacking in rationale was compensated b strong emotion. While there remain overtones of traditiona loyalty, most of the extreme radicalism has disappeared Each party, in overstressing and gilding issues, has helpe create a middle ground upon which advancement could b sustained. A tempering effect upon the political process ha evolved by swing voters and the independents. These hav been numerous enough to swing elections and keep candidates for office on an even keel.

Cultural areas in this nation and even within states ma vary markedly. Cultures derive from beliefs and life habit of people which often carry through many generations. Ja County was settled largely by British and German extract filtering in from Pennsylvania through Ohio. Of the Britis Isles immigrant stock, the Scots, Irish and Wels predominated. This root stock still influences the characte of Portland's population. There are still visages of stoli German determination, the curiosity, wit, courage an energy of the British extracts. All of the ensuing immigran characteristics, melded with the former, have established conservative, able and cautious community. There have no been infusions of Asian, Latin and south hemisphere group and in general the pioneer root stock has sustained and en dured. There are a number of Mexican immigrant workers during tomato season. Some Chicano families have become residents and are employed in food processing and packing. The black population in Portland is meager. Causitive factors in population insulation are difficult to discern. If bigotry plays a role, it is of a covert nature although occasionally prejudice surfaces in a few group conversations. probably there has been no influx of minority groups simply because the economics of the area are not conductive.

Fragmentation, hybridization and mixing of culture languages have long-lasting effects upon the oral expression of a people. Remnants of many dialects remain in Portland and have created a colloquial language, often varied in accordance with family expression. James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, once referred to central Indiana as the land of "haint" and "taint". These terms prevail and many more. "Aint got no", "didn't do nothin", "ya gotta do sumpin", "I got", "you dunnit". The g is often dropped from running, getting, farming, etc. Limited time conversations can elicit a soft laconic "nope" or "yep" particularly from a taciturn farmer. Occasionally from Michigan or the New England States a newcomer brings into the community a clipped or precise pronounciation. Some Kentucky brogue has infiltrated but rarely does one detect the deep south drawl. In some respects, Portlanders do "murder the Kings English". But this is not to say that this is true of the entire population nor does it exist to the same degree among individuals. No doubt many English teachers have been challenged, and perhaps at times frustrated, in teaching proper form, sylabification and diction. However the oral expression is direct and does convey the intended message.

The Arts

A characteristic of artistic accomplishment in the Portland community is individual attainment. This is more pronounced and more readily discernable than any mass or group growth. The group process of arts assimilation, however, does exist and influences the millieu to varying degrees. Commendable school bands provide participation and performance so essential to edification of members, student bodies and spectators. Church choirs are a consistent source of vocal music that inspires and teaches. The illustrative and expressive arts are fosterd by school courses and through private instruction facilities. The Jay County Arts Society fosters annual guest programs of musical and performing arts.

There are some resident artists who have received recognition outside their home community. A brief and incomplete listing includes Jack Imel, who with marimba playing, dancing and singing became a member of that popular Lawrence Welk T.V. show. He has entertained the nation for twenty-five years. Linda Brinkerhoff, a soprano vocalist, was with the New York City Opera for a year. She toured with the Houston and Baltimore opera companies and was affiliated with the Wolf Trap Center for Performing Arts, Washington, D.C. Currently she is with the White Water Opera Company of Richmond, Indiana.

There are several artists who are developing talents in the medias of oil and water color painting, ceramics and wood sculpture. Two artists, using oil paints as a medium, have had state artist association recognition for their work. These are Ruth Starlin and N.T. Myers. The accidental death of Julia Starbuck in 1958 deprived the community of a third accomplished painter. Selected paintings of Mrs. Starbuck were displayed by the Hoosier Salon.

Farmer's Academy of Portland Normal College.

Redkey

The history of Redkey divides itself into four separate and distinct periods of which the division lines are somewhat sharply distinct. Each period developed ways of living, and manners and customs which are peculiarly its own.

The first was the pioneer period. At this time there was no postoffice in Richland Township, stores, or enterprises except a blacksmith shop and a cabinet shop. The great business was of opening up the country. Every man was a farmer, and nearly every man was a hunter.

The second period was the Mount Vernon period extending from 1854 to the building of the railroad in 1867. Mount Vernon was laid out in September 22, 1854. There was a great boom at this time. Lots sold rapidly, a store was started, a postoffice known as Halfway was moved to the store.

A saw mill was the first manufacturing business. On January 15, 1855, Samuel Hesser sold a lot to William Harrison Wade, and Daniel Sutton for a sawmill. The deed and location is recorded. It says: the lot commences where the Mississinawa and Marion Railroad crosses the Ft. Wayne State Road north 14 poles 11½ feet. This would be just north of the west end of Delaware Street. William Harrison Wade laid out the little town of Mount Vernon.

In 1856 James Redkey bought ground in Mount Vernon. This pioneer became a leading force in the following years. When the railroad came in 1867, the little town was ready for the boom. This was the third period, extending from 1867 to the discovery of oil in 1887. More stores came, and more small businesses were established. The railroad was being surveyed, and James Redkey had the surveyor plat out his land for the purpose of enlarging the town. The railroad adopted his name for the station, and Mount Vernon became Redkey. The name of the postoffice was changed to Redkey, also because of the railroad, Redkey became the trading center Fairview and Mount Pleasant had the honor of in the preceeding period, but now lost out due to the railroad in the thriving little town.

In 1887 gas and oil was discovered, and Redkey had another boom period. Speculators from the east flocked to the "black gold" fields. More stores more manufacturing, and more taverns.

The widespread waste of the gas is regretable, particularly

Redkey Fire, December 1891.

in these times. Every house had a gas pipe in the front yard that burned day and night. The gas street lights were never turned out, the people thought it would last forever. Most citizens begun to enjoy a more luxurious life, compared to the earlier periods.

The coming of gas brought in the glass factories and an influx of immigrants. There were skilled glass blowers from Belgium and the low countries of Europe. Redkey had three glass factories at the turn of the century. The Butler Glass Co. was located at the east end of Delaware Street on the south side. They made some jars, but mostly tableware. Giles and Clough located on West Grandview Avenue along the railroad. They made Redkey fruit jars. The Marietta Glass Company located in the west end of town, near the overpass. When the gas begun to fail, these factories were either moved or abandoned. They left only memories of the wild boom of the discovery of gas and oil.

One of the memories was the explosion of the gas pumping station one mile south of town. This station pumped gas from the oil field through large pipes at more than 300 pounds to the inch. On January 21, 1896, a twelve foot joint of fourteen inch pipe burst, and immediately the plant was in flames. Two men were killed and two more injured.

In 1916 a new industry came to Redkey. It was the Caar Canning Co. The name was from the initials of the four men who founded it. David Cook, Harry Aukerman, Clement Arthur, and Herschel Rathfon. For years this was the main industry in Redkey. They canned tomatoes. That was a new crop for the rural industry, also. In the sixtys, the plant was sold to Continental Can Co., then to the Morgan Packi Co.

K. OF P. BLOCK, RED KEY, IND.

Some of the merchants in Redkey in the 1930's were; Joh Midlam & Son, Barnetts 5¢ and 10¢ store, Wellmans had Bakery, making "Aunt Molly's" bread, Harold Smith grocery store, Ritter Bros. Barber Shop, Oscar Hopp Drug Store, The Gray family operated the hotel, and Calv Robbins had a butcher shop.

Three of the old establishments were Appenzelle Clothing Store, Jones Mortuary, and Shambarge Restaurant. Appenzeller's was established in 1892, William Appenzeller. His son, Harry, became owner 1937. He gave up the business in 1978 because of healt Jones Mortuary was established by Gilf Jones, later his sc Howard joined him. William Jones came to Redkey, an started a furniture store. He was the father of Gilf Jone William Jones, Howard's son, worked with his father. H had a son Donald who came into the business, making it five generation tradition. Donald was tragically killed in a airplane accident in 1980. The business was sold, but sti carries the Jones name.

Shambarger's restaurant has been in the same locatio since 1929. It was opened by Tom Shambarger, the father c John. John Shambarger has made the place internationall famous for its gourmet foods, and entertainment. Th Shambarger daughters, Betty Miller, and Sarah Barfield ar carrying the tradition.

Redkey has no major industry, and has reverted back to residential community of about 1400 persons.

"Also see page 49" *Treva DePoy*

Salamonia

Salamonia, a little village located in the southeast corner of Jay County was first platted as Lancaster. It is one of the oldest towns in the county, and is located at the head waters of the Salamonia River. It gets it's name from the Indian word "Onzalamonia" which means "yellow paint," that was made from the blood root plant.

The town originally was laid out by Henry and Sarah Ann Abel, & Benjamin and Nancy Goldsmith, in January 1839, as the town of Lancaster. However, in 1852 when the postoffice was established, it became necessary to change the name to Salamonia, because there was another Lancaster in the state. The first postmaster was George W. Abel. Several other residents have served in this capacity over the years, Robert L. Aker serving at the present.

The town was incorporated October 6, 1876, and a town board elected. The present board consists of Jack Pfiefer as pres. and John Hogg and Steve Shauver as the other two members. Anna Hogg serves as clerk-treas.

After the building of the Madison Township High School, all of the high school students were transported to the new school, but the town continued to operate their own one room school for the elementary pupils. Sometime around 1940 this school was closed and all of Salamonia's school pupils were transported to the Madison High school. When the county organization became a reality, the pupils were all transported to Portland along with the township students.

Salamonia now has three active churches; The Saint James Luthern, located at the southern edge of town; the United Church of Christ located at the northern edge of town; and the Christian Church located at the western edge

U.S. POST OFFICE

Salamonia Post Office

of town. The Methodist church which was also located at the southern edge of town, was closed in 1948.

In 1930 the citizens of Salamonia began to think about some fire protection. During the next few years a volunteer fire department was organized. In 1966 or '67 the department became a realty, with it's own fire equipment. A foundation was laid for a new fire house, and a year later the building was put to use. At the present time Salamonia has an organization that serves the community well.

The little town is still a thriving little community village. The center of activity seems to be around the three churches, and the General Store owned and operated by Robert Aker. This building also houses the U.S. Postoffice. There are two other organizations that contribute to the activity; The Oddfellows Lodge, and The Veterans of Foreign Wars. Bash's Shop, south of the corner and Shreeve's Garage at the west edge of town also serve as centers.

During the years there have been four family doctors to serve the village. Dr. J.A. Hutchenson, Dr. William Chew, Dr. Howard H. Jones and Dr. John J. Kidder. It seems as though when these retired, no other doctors have cared to come to a small village.

Some of the businesses that have come to Salamonia, and then have dissappeared for one reason or the other are, Murl May's shop and appliances, groceries owned by Harold Clear and later by George Caupp: both in the same building. A bank, two barber shops, a feed mill, a cream station, a meat market, and a construction company, are others. Lew Gimbel operated a blacksmith shop here for several years, and was really one of the last to dissappear from the county. There are others but space here does not permit the listing of all of them.

At the present time the following business operations are active. Robert Aker's general Store and postoffice, Everett Shreeves's Garage and Filling Station, Ernest Bash's Blacksmith and Welding, Manor's Monuments, and Memorials, and then just at the north edge of town is Luther Breymier's sawmill, one of the last in the county.

Frank E. Cline

West Grove

In many respects, West Grove preserves the true flavor of an important and exciting period in American history—the time of free thinking and expression on all subjects, regardless of how weird and nebulous they might be, coupled with vigorous and often courageous action.

The West Grove settlement is as old as, or older than, the county itself. Enos Lewis and his wife Margaret were among the pioneer settlers who came from eastern Ohio and entered land prior to the organization of Jay County in January 1836.

All too soon it became necessary to have a place for burials. The Lewises offered a small tract on a knoll in the woods. Almost at once it was accepted as the neighborhood graveyard. Earliest gravestone in the cemetery is dated 1838.

Soon the plot of ground, slightly more than an acre in size, was fenced off and set apart unofficially. By 1840 a log meeting house had been erected by the men of the neighborhood.

The name West Grove is believed to have come from West Grove Friends meeting in Short Creek Township, Harrison County, Ohio. There also is a West Grove meeting in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in which many of the early settlers of the community had lived as children.

The late James Walter Fiers, in a series of newspaper articles on "Schools of Jay County," wrote that the one-room edifice at west Grove was "furnished with rude seats with pin legs," and heated by a large box stove in the middle of the room.

At first the burial ground and meeting house were accepted by common consent without effort at control. In the autumn of 1849 a meeting was held to choose trustees to receive and hold a deed to the land. William R. Dugdale was clerk of the meeting, at which John Sumption, Ensley Gray and William Mendenhall were elected trustees.

It was 14 years, however, before a deed to the land was actually executed. Dated December 26, 1863, it conveys the one acre-plus tract in the northwest corner of section 13 to William Mendenhall, trustee. The deed insists that both meeting house and burying ground be "for the use of the surrounding neighborhood forever." It also contains the specification that the meeting house be used as "a place of Meeting for Religious, Morral & literary purposes."

Private subscription schools were held in the original log building also, although it was not intended as a schoolhouse. These lasted about 15 years, ending in 1855. Teachers during that period were Henry Beeson, Ruth Dingy, William R. Dugdale, Atlantic O. Gray, Rachel Grisell, Martha Hilles, Mary Hilles, Jacob Hopkins, Edward Horn, Aaron Regester and James Sawyer.

Schools were discontinued at West Grove with the establishment of the public school system in Indiana and the erection of nearby Paxson schoolhouse by the township.

In the spring and summer of 1845, the neighborhood around West Grove was the scene of a short-lived "community" experiment involving about six families. The community house was a one and one-half story log building of four rooms with a connecting "breezeway." It was one-half mile directly north of the meeting house.

Described as a small scale effort at communal living, it was part of a small and insignificant movement which originated in Ohio and New York. According to one writer the experiment was "a visionary attempt at setting up an agrarian brand of pure socialism which would, it was hoped, result in series of little utopias." The Penn Township community lasted only about four months.

Original settlers of the West Grove neighborhood were largely Quakers from eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. At first they were identified with the Friends Meeting in Camden (later Pennville). Then the entire Quaker movement, already split into "Hicksite" and "Orthodox" factions, was rocked again by a division over the extent of salvery reform. It was a question of gentle persuasion versus positive action. The northern part of the township favored abolition and direct aid to fugitive slaves.

In 1850 an effort was made to establish West Grove Meeting of Congregational Friends. It affiliated with a small group also known as Progressive Friends, that was an offshoot of the Hicksite body. The meeting was actually organized, with William R. Dugdale as clerk, and met for worship and business. Because it never asked to be recognized as a Friends Meeting, it operated as such only about two years. The *Indiana True Democrat,* published at Centerville, in its issue of April 15, 1852, announced a half-yearly meeting of Congregational Friends on "the 1st Seventh day in fifth month, next, at West Grove Meeting House, Jay County, Indiana, at 11 o'clock."

That same year (1850) a group of women in the neighborhood organized the West Grove Sewing Circle for the purpose of making garments for fugitive slaves. The original constitution of the society, still in existence, has 19 signatures: Ann H. Dugdale, Sara E. Dugdale, Atlantic O. Gray, Catherine Gray, Mary Gray, Mary Horn, Rebecca Irey, Sarah H. Keese, Caroline Lewis, Elma Lewis, Margaret Lewis, Mary Lewis, Sarah Ann Lewis, Lydia Mendenhall, Maria Mendenhall, Mary Smith, Susan Sumption, Eliza C. Wood and Diana Wright.

Within a radius of two to three miles from the West Grove meeting house there were at least a half-dozen homes in which fugitive slaves, escaping to Canada, were housed overnight and helped on their way to the next "station" on the Underground Railroad. The Enos Lewis home, directly across the road to the south, was one of those stations.

In an unknown number of unmarked graves adjacent to the meeting house on the east were buried the bodies of slaves who died while in the community.

During the same period the legendary Eliza Harris, of Harriet Beecher Stowe's book, *Uncle Tom's Cabin,* is said to have spent the night in the home of Rachel Silliven, just north of Balbec on Indiana 1.

With the rise of interest in spiritualism immediately following the Civil War, a spiritualist society was organized December 19, 1868 at West Grove. At the outset it was sufficiently popular to bring about removal of the long meeting house and enlargement of the facilities. A more commodious frame building was erected, complete with platform, dressing rooms for plays, benches and chairs, a small church organ and chandeliers equipped with kerosene-burning lamps. It continued as a spiritualist center for about 40 years.

In the meantime, the original concept of a community hall in which meetings for "Religious, Morral & literary meetings" might be held, was being followed faithfully. Itinerant lecturers advocating all sorts of doctrines were heard from its platform. There were lyceum programs, spelling bees, old settlers' picnics, spiritualist seances, and community Christmas programs complete with decorated pine tree and shower of modest "treats."

For many years West Grove Grange No. 2117 held its meetings there, and, around the turn of the century, there were high school plays. From the first, the meeting house had been used for funerals. These were held at West Grove as late as 1920.

General John P.C. Shanks of Portland, one time Member of Congress, wrote of West Grove in his *Biographical Memoirs of Jay County,* published in 1901, as follows:

"There was no spot in the nation where there was more effective service rendered to the cause of freedom and humanity than in and near this humble cabin in the woods. And when the war was on they proved that it was not only a war of words on their part. Those young enough went themselves, and those older sent their children to battle for the cause they taught them to maintain."

Long in need of repairs, the building began to deteriorate about 1910. First leaks developed in the roof; then hinges on the shutters came loose, and window panes were broken. It was sold and removed in the spring of 1927.

September 30, 1972

Gravel Hill Cemetery

In February 1896, Sarah and Samuel Alberson sold 3 acres of land for a cemetery with the following agreement: a 30 foot strip across the front for free burials: a circle in the center to be known as the soldiers circle; lots to be 18 feet by 20 feet, sell for 15 dollars with 10 dollars going to Albersons, and 5 dollars to cemetery. Lot 102 was reserved by Alberson's. Lots were to be separated by streets. Cost was $402.50.

The articles of corporation were signed March 18, 1896 by Isaac Cain, Wilbur Wickizer and George Hale, the first trustees. George Hale was George Treece's grandfather.

Secretarys were Mark Callahan, and in 1913 Irvin Metzner began. Treasurers were Emma Bonham and later Clair Shoemaker.

People had been wanting this spot for a cemetery for 23 years, but it was a little late for Margaret (Fitzpatrick) Martin Moore. She died February 9, 1896 and was buried in the Wells cemetery. Her first husband John G. Martin, their infant son and five year old daughter were buried in the Miller Cemetery. The family were moving Mr. Martin and children to the Wells cemetery when Mr. Alberson came out and asked them to choose a lot and bury them in the new cemetery. They did and the burials were made at sunset February 21, 1896. The next day they brought Margaret Martin Moore from Wells cemetery, and buried her there. Those two were Fay Snyder's grandparents.

Their daughter, Martha Martin Lynch, wanted a fence for the new cemetery, so she published a book "Reminiscences of Adams, Jay and Randolph Counties" which included chapters written by the older people of that time.

In July 1916, the cemetery Association bought 2 acres more. In May 1946, 1 acre was bought of Jesse Earl and Nora Grogg. In 1962, two acres to the west were bought, and in January 1969 purchased the rest of the farm, of 30 acres.

March 28, 1920, was the date of the West Liberty Cyclone. Several of its victims are buried in Gravel Hill Cemetery; they being members of the Smith family, Frank Smith, age 43, Goldia Smith, his wife 36, Florence Smith 2 yrs.; Clarence Smith age 16, and Lawrence Smith age 5 years. Four caskets were put down in one large grave. Goldia and little daughter were in the same one. Frank Haggott age 36 and son Keith age 7 are also buried there.

Alyce Lawrence, (cousin) Earl Finkenstedt, (mother) May Totten Kunkle and (son) Bill Lawrence, Jr.

At a later time, a man nearly 100 years old was buried there, Rev. William F. Smith was born December 8, 1826 and died April 3, 1926. He was grandfather of Egbert Macklin, now of Swiss Village. John T. Weller also lived nearly that long.

In 1910 assessments were levied on each lot for maintenance of cemetery. Martin Hammitt was hired as first caretaker. His wife, Mary Becktell Hammitt set out many of the Peonies.

In 1922, the round house was built on the Soldier's Circle, by a $1.00 accessment on each lot.

Later an annuity fund was set up, with the interest only to be used.

The present officers are Roscoe Twigg, Harry Koon, and Richard Houser, trustees; secretary, Alyce Lawrence; treasurer, Sharon Huey.

Alyce M. Lawrence
Secretary

Farm Equipment Dealers In Jay County

During the period from 1920's to present, farming changed from horse and mule power to mechanical power.

Prior to 1930, there were not very many persons selling farm equipment in Jay County. Earl Pierce sold McCormick Deering equipment in the building just east of the post office on Water Street in Portland. During the 20's and early 30's a Mr. Avey sold McCormick Deering in Pennville.

During the 20's and early 30's Edward Ayres sold threshing machines, and Huber and Oil-Pull tractors in Portland. In the early thirties, Raymond Morris joined with Mr. Ayres and they obtained a dealership for Allis Chalmers on South Meridian Street in Portland. They continued until the early 1940's, then sold the business to Harole Rickert. Justin Schafer operated it until 1947 when he moved to the north edge of town, and obtained the Oliver Contract.

When Schafer moved, Ervin Sheffer took Allis Chalmers contract and formed Portland Farm Equipment and operated it until he sold to Clyde Beeler in 1958.

On March 1, 1933, Wilbur Sheffer signed a contract with International Harvester on West Water Street in Portland. In 1947, Robert Weinland came in as a partner and in 1976 Roger Locker became part owner. The firm was first known as Sheffer Implement Co., and changed later to Sheffer-Weinland.

During the 30's and 40's, John Deere was handled by Oscar Finch and John Weisel in Portland. During the 40's the John Deere contract was taken by Ralph Price and George Harris, known as Price & Harris, later the business was assumed by Richard Price, and is operated as Price Implement Co.

Herman Lawson took on Minneapolis Moline in 1954, 7 miles south of Portland. He also took on Oliver after Justin Schafer discontinued his contract in 1970's. Lawson sold 1/2 of the buiness to Steve Whitenack in Jan. 1975. About this time Minneapolis Moline and Oliver were taken over by White Co. Lawson sold balance of company to Steve Whitenack, Jan. 3, 1977 and he sold 30% to James Wagner, July 1980. Then in 1981, Wagner purchased balance of company from Whitenack and moved the White Agency to 9 miles south of Portland, Jan. 11, 1982.

Ray Elliott came home from the Army at the end of World War II and took on Massey Harris Contract at the north edge of Portland. He operated it a few years and sold it to Ralph Frank. In the meantime, Massey Harris and Ferguson merged into Massey Ferguson. They had a fire and damaged the building and business. Justin Schafer took Massey Ferguson contract and moved it in with his Oliver dealership, and Ralph Frank went to work for Schafer until Mr. Frank passed away.

Ron Stauffer of RR 1 Portland, was Service Mechanic for Herman Lawson, Farm Equipment Dealer, on U.S. 27 South 7 miles from Portland. In 1971, he moved down the road from Lawson's, and built a new building and started a New Holland Dealership, selling and servicing New Holland combines, hay equipment and other New Holland equipment, where he is operating now.

In 1977, Randall Addington, a lad of 23, started buying and selling used farm tractors. In 1978, he built a building on his father, Wendel Addington's farm on Co. Road 160 W., south of Dunkirk. He contracted with Massey Ferguson to sell and service their farm equipment.

Wendel Boughman operated a Case dealership in the west part of Portland in late 1940 and early 50's. The Case dealership changed to Raymond Houser, and he operated it several years at Antiville. (4 miles north of Portland)

Willard Ireland operated a Ford Farm Equipment dealership west edge of Portland during the 50's, 60's and early 70's. Then the Ford franchise was assumed by Portland Farm Equipment operated by Clyde Beeler and his son Jim.

In the early 20's, there was only one or two Implement Dealerships in the county. In the early 50's there were 8.

Price & Harris	John Deere
Portland Farm Equip.	Allis Chalmers
Wendel Boughman	Case
Willard Ireland	Ford
Herman Lawson	Minneapolis Moline
Justin Schafer	Oliver
Ray Elliott	Massey Harris later Massey Ferguson
Sheffer Implement	International Harvester

Robert Weinland

In the early 1900's, it took 8 people in agriculture to produce enough food for themselves and one person in the city.

Now- 1982, one person in agriculture produces enough for themselves and 65 people in the city.

Most of this change happened from 1925 to the present, replacing animal power with tractors and other farm machine improvements, making it possible for so much more to be produced per man. *Robert Weinland*

Liber College

Liber College building now stands in Liber and was erected on the site of one of the two first schools built in Jay County 1935, here Miss Sarah Tharp was the first teacher.

The College was founded in 1853 under a state enactment by Rev. I.N. Taylor, a Presbyterian missionary. A joint stock company, among whose members were; Jacob Bosworth, Jonathan Lowe, J.H. Topping, Abadiah Winters, Wilson Milligan, George Spade and others erected a $1200 building on a 6 acre site donated by Rev. Taylor and Jonathan Lowe.

The admission, of a colored student during the first year, created opposition. College Corner became the site of the opposition's, Farmers Academy. It cost $900.00 but was short lived, and was sold in 1958 to the Northern Indiana Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church.

Liber College continued until 1878. It was known far and wide as an educational institution of high standing. Many of the successful men of Jay County and others owe their success to the education which they received in "Old Liber College."

The Portland Normal flourished for several years and was located near the site of the Judge Haynes School.

The Good Old Days

Of course, everyone knows when we speak of the good old days, it takes us back to the Gay Nineties, or what is better known as the Horse and Buggy age.

This was a time between the horseback and the auto age. There were three principal methods of local transportation. One was the horse and buggy, another the bicycle (which had recently come into being), and the other was walking, or what we called "Shanks Horses".

When we got our weekly newspaper (if we were lucky enough to get to town to get it), we did not have to look at the headlines to see how many had been killed in auto accidents or how many of our boys had been killed in the war, for this was during the time of peace and prosperity.

The girls wore their dresses to the shoe top and the boys got an occasional hair cut (at home, of course) and it cost fifty cents each time you took a girl out. Ten cents for tickets to the nickelodeon, ten cents for pop corn (unless you shared one sack), fifteen cents each for hamburger, pie, coffee or milk. If you drank water, you had Sunday School money left for Sunday.

There were exciting times then, as well as now. Almost every farm boy had a horse and buggy, even if he had to drive one of the work horses. Having been raised on a farm, I was fortunate enough to have such an outfit. The horse was a bright bay with plenty of get up and go. The buggy was a two passenger convertible that had one previous owner. However, after it had a new set of rubber and a new paint job, it served its purpose very well. That is, until one 4th of July celebration at a town about eight miles from home.

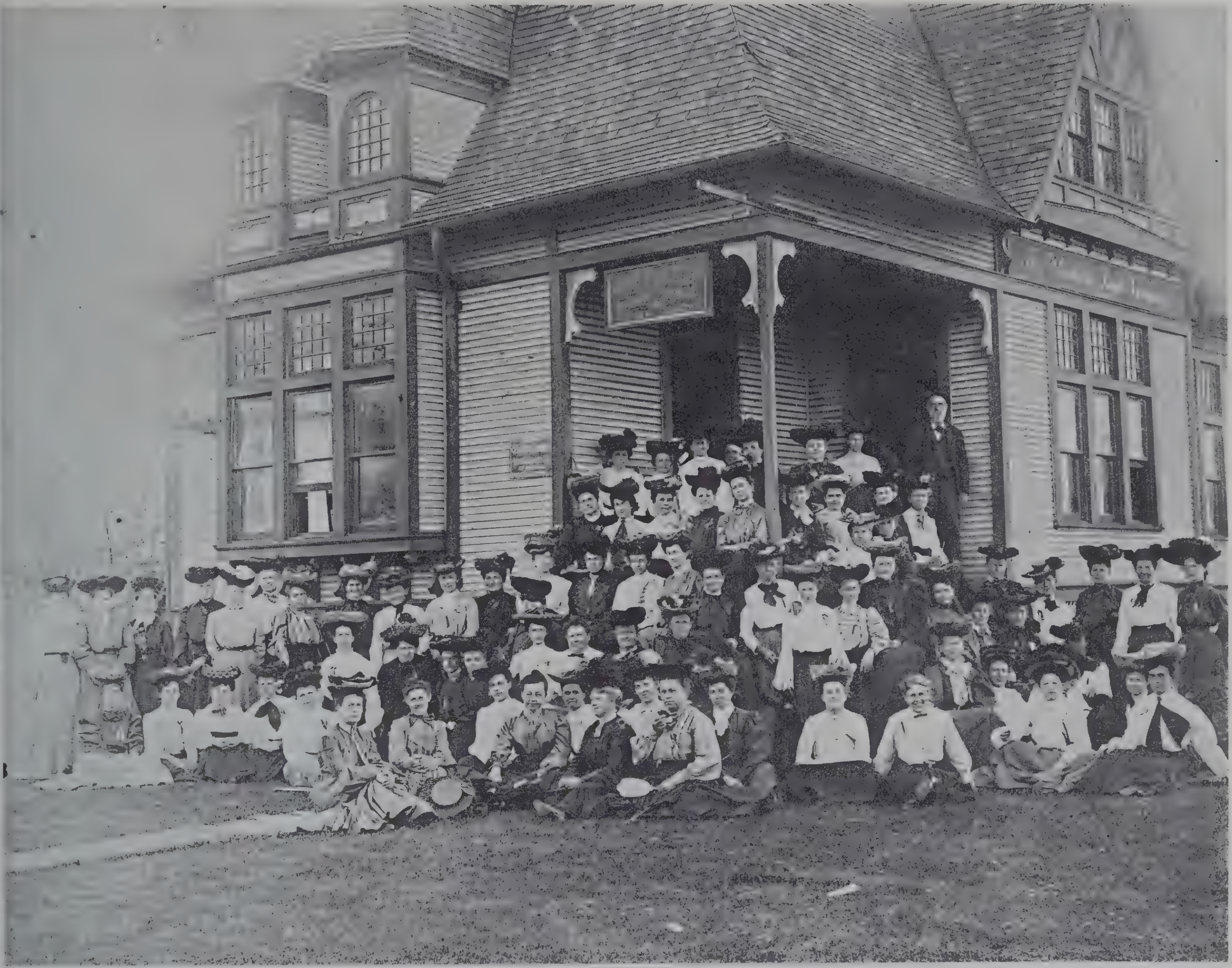
Coming home, I was all alone and if there ever was a darker night, I have never seen it! You could not even see the horse. As you had to depend on the horse to take you home, there was no object in staying awake, so I lay down on the seat and went to sleep.

This was about the time the horseless carriage began to appear in our county. There were only a very few and for one to be out after night was unthought of. However, I was awakened by the awfullest clatter and language I had ever heard, and roused up enough to see that one had just passed me. The horse was not excited, so I lay back to go to sleep again. Just then I heard the hoof beats of a horse coming on the gallop at full speed, when they went to pass, they were not so lucky, as the auto had been—their buggy hooked into mine. I thought for a while I was up among the telephone wires, as I could hear wires rattling, but I guess it must have been the wire fence along the road, because when I picked myself up, I found a portion of the buggy (which later proved to be everything from the seat on up) was there with me. The horse and the rest of the buggy were gone.

There was nothing to do but walk home, so I started out. I had gone only a short distance, when I met the boys that had upset me coming back. They had caught my horse and was bringing him back. They helped me gather up what we could find of the buggy. We tied it on with the hitch strap and I made it home OK. The buggy had to have a major overhaul, along with another new coat of paint, which made it about as good as ever, except one side that had been splintered up so badly, it left that side a little weak.

It was about this time that a young minister from thirty odd miles away, began coming to our community to preach in the church were I attended. He became quite friendly with a girl who was a friend of my girl friend. Coming from a distance, he had to come on Saturday. He would stay with me and the girls would stay together on Saturday night. Then, on Sunday morning we would pick the girls up to take them to Sunday School and church.

One nice Sunday morning (I am not sure, but I think it was Easter Sunday), we got the girls and started to church. As was stated before, this was only a two passenger buggy, so it was necessary for someone to sit on someone's lap. This morning we were holding the girls on our laps. We had only gone about a quarter of a mile when we overtook an elderly couple going to church (a different church than we went to). The gravel road was very dusty and as we did not like their dust, we decided to go around. They must not have



W.C.T.U. Meeting in Dunkirk. John Sutton at side.

liked dust either, for they whipped up to keep us from passing. This was only a one lane road, so they had quite a bit of advantage, as we had to take the side ditch. Some might think we were racing, but this would hardly have done on Sunday, especially while you had the preacher along!

After about a quarter of a mile, we gained enough lead that we could get the road, then if they did not like dust, they would have to take the side ditch.

All was going well until the two left wheels were on the highway. As there was quite a slope on the side ditch, this threw all our weight on one side of the buggy, which proved to be the weak side. There was a terrible crash. When I looked around, the preacher and his girl friend were gone, and my girl was well on the way after them. I caught her and set her back down. However, in the excitement, we lost the lines. I soon got hold of them and got everything under control.

I dreaded to look back, but when I did, the preacher and his girl were sitting in the side ditch. He was still holding her on his lap! They were both laughing, as though they were really enjoying themselves.

We had to bring the hitch strap back in use again, tied the

Downtown Boundary City 1965.

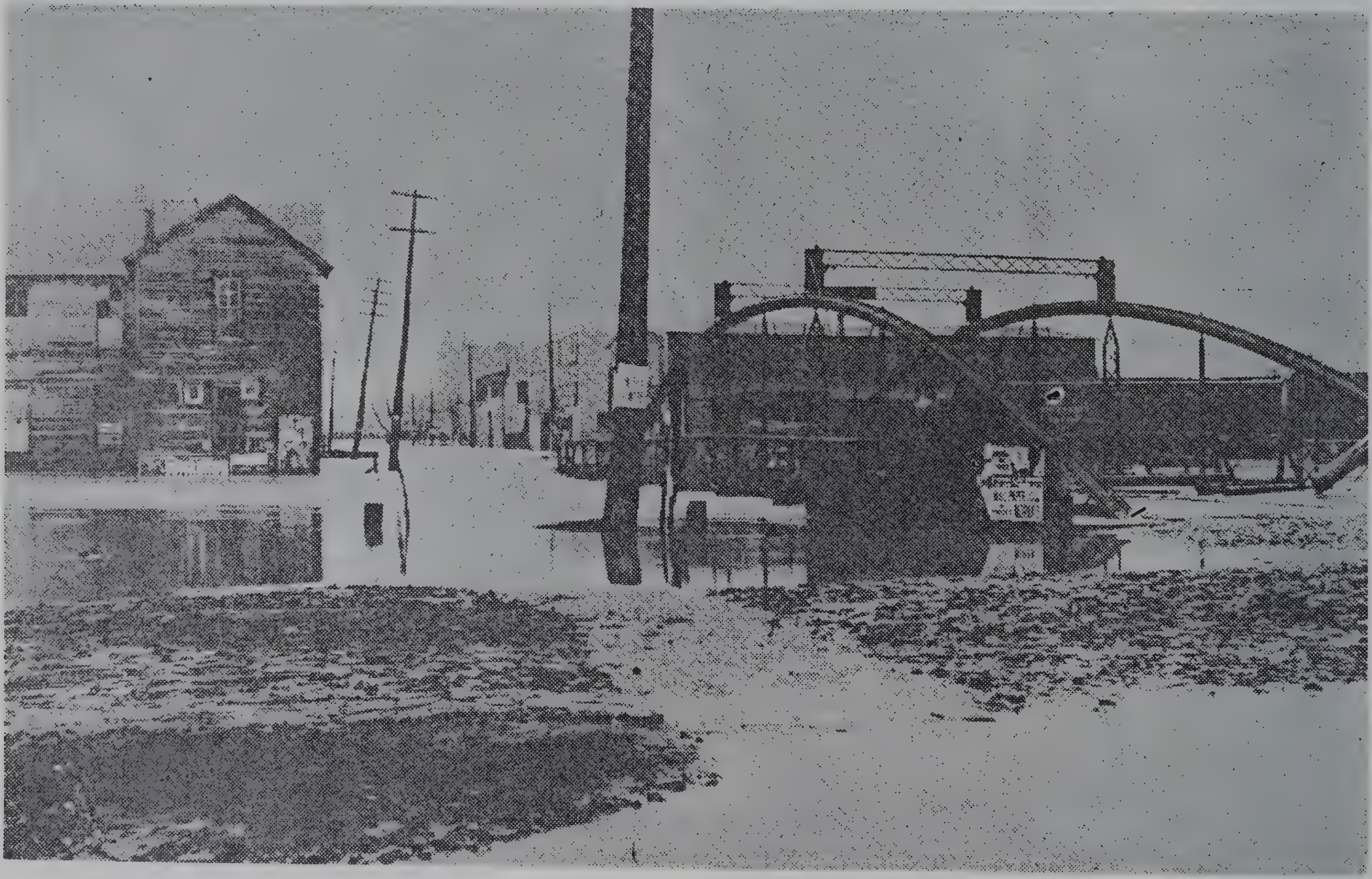
buggy together as best we could, sit a little closer together, and arrived at church on time. With the exception of a few grass stains on the preachers trousers, no one was any the worse for it all.

If anyone doubts this being a true story, you can ask my wife, because she was the driver!

Oh, yes, as to the preacher. He gave up preaching and the girl also, went to medical school, settled in one of our western states and has recently received several citations for the outstanding service he has rendered to that community and is generally known as the Doctor of the Good Old Days.

As for me, I am still a Clod Hopper.

Submitted by
John Taylor



This is a view of S. Meridian St., looking north from the Salamonie River, back in what "nostalgia nuts" refer to as "the good old days." To the right in this high water view are box cars of the Cincinnati, Bluffton and Chicago Railroad, the old CB&C, which succumbed prior to World War I. The picture was probably taken sometime between 1913 and 1918. The building on the left is on the site of the Portland Farm Equipment Co. The tower seen dimly in the background is the old Bimel Block, on the site of the present Weiler Building. The Cline Wilt Lumber Co. buildings may be seen directly behind the bridge. The posters on the telephone pole and the bridge railing advertise lowest prices for wallpaper and paints at Morans.

— SCHOOLS —

The Little Red School House

Education has always been considered seriously in the twelve townships of Jay County.

The Ordinance of 1787 provided that as states were carved from the Western Territory, education would be a public responsibility. In 1816, when Indiana became a state, the legislature provided a system for public schools. One section of land in each township or the proceeds from the sale of this section and interest from such, were to be used for schools. This created the *Congressional School Fund,* supervised by the State of Indiana and distributed by the county auditor to school corporations within the county.

Early elementary schools were provided in early community centers by interested parents, sometimes by church sponsored groups, and many times on a subscription basis.

The first buildings were one room log structures erected on a community basis, as the interest was manifested. These were succeeded in many cases, and some on the same location, by the Little Red School House. The General Assembly of 1859 delegated the responsibility for schools to the township as a school corporation, which in most cases coincided geographically with the civil township. The officer charged with education responsibilities was the trustee. He was elected in the township for a period of four years and administered with an advisory board of three locally elected officers. Cities or towns with official civil boards could petition to be removed from the jurisdiction of the trustee, and could then appoint boards of education to govern and supervise their educational functions.

The trustees of the various townships then constituted a board of education for the county. The board selected and elected a county superintendent of schools for a four year term to assist, supervise and counsel with all of the township schools in the county. The county superintendent of schools was an office subject, also, to the State Department of Education, and through whom the state directed and financed to some extent, the schools of the township corporations. The superintendents were: Simeon H. Bell, a county examiner in 1871. Then elected the first superintendent in 1873 and served until 1881. William Houck, principal of Dunkirk School 1875-1877 was elected superintendent in Jay County 1881, serving three terms of two years each until 1887. John Bishop was elected in 1887-1889. Francis L. Crow served 1899-1903. He was followed by William R. Armstrong 1903-1921. Then Harry L. Nixon 1921-1929; Henry W. Bostner 1929-1937; Leo L. Steed 1937-1945; Mardy L. Logan 1945-1953 and B.L. Koch, the last county superintendent 1953-1964.

The reorganization of the thirteen school corporations into one corporation, The Jay School Corporation occured in 1964 and Mardy L. Logan was elected as the first superintendent 1964-1968.

Township reports on school attendance, finance, teacher licensing requirements, etc. were channeled through this central office. Office space was generally provided by the county commissioneers in the county court house. Finances related to the state support for schools, as well as local schools, were collected and disbursed through the county auditor and county treasurer to the school corporations (township trustees and school board treasurer of the city, and town school boards). The county superintendent of schools also received attendance reports from all parochial and city school corporations to be included in his report to the State Department. There were two Catholic parochial schools, grades 1-8, in Jay County: The Holy Trinity School in Wabash Township and The Immaculate Conception School in Portland. Their graduates attended high schools at Bryant and Portland. The quality of their educational services was excellent. For a short time, an Amish school was conducted in Green Township.

Kitt District #9, Jackson Township, Built in 1895 picture 1975.

At the zenith of the county school system's twelve townships, served by the twelve trustees and their advisory boards, along with city and town school boards and their officers; functioned to provide educational facilities for the children of Jay County residents.

Wabash, Bearcreek, Jackson, Penn, Knoble, Greene, Wayne, Knox, Madison, Pike, Jefferson, and Richland townships, along with Portland, Dunkirk, Redkey and Salamonia constituted the school corporations at one time in Jay County. The townships functioned primarily in establishing the Little Red School House (grades 1-8) tradition. The cities and towns established elementary grade schools and high schools. A few academies were also established in the county.

Not all townships established high schools. A transfer system functioned in these cases, so that a township would transfer and pay tuition for the cost of having children of their residency educated in a neighboring high school. High schools were established in Portland, Dunkirk, Redkey, Madison, Bearcreek (Bryant), Jackson (Poling), Penn (Pennville), Jefferson (Gov. I.P. Gray)

In the early years no public transportation was provided. The Little Red School House was generally located so that no child had to walk more than two miles to school. As consolidation of The Little Red School districts appeared, transportation of pupils at public expense began. At first, it was accomplished by schoolhacks, horse drawn vehicles hauling approximately ten pupils. Pupil population decreased and a neighboring school of 12 or less pupils was hauled in. As state school financial aid was developed, the State Department withdrew state support when the average attendance decreased below 12. Later, hard rubbered motor drived school hacks were sometimes used.

High school gymnasiums became a tradition in Jay County schools as basketball competition flourished. Sports in schools contributed immensely to the popularity of secondary education. Rivalry became a part of school loyalty, extending to the adults of the community.

The Little Red School House generally served grades 1 to 8 with tests or examinations provided at the county and state levels for the eighth grade students to graduate and enter a high school. One teacher taught all of the subjects and combinations from eight a.m. until 4 p.m. with a noon hour and two mid-session recesses. Teachers or pupils maintained the fires in the pot-bellied, centrally located stoves. Coal was piled outdoors, there were outside separate wooden (privy) toilets, one for boys and one for girls. A well with a pump was provided for water. The school area varied from ½ acre to 1 acre. These areas were often donated by landowners to be used for school purposes and later returned to the farms when the schools were abandoned. Some land was purchased by the school corporation. A large school bell was located in the building belfry and rung by a suspended rope to call the children into the building.

Significant learning took place in these multiple graded schools. Students learned from listening to the upper grade students discuss and recite their lessons. Also, upper class students loved to sit and help the lower elementary students in their reading, spelling and arithmetic. Classes were generally called up to a recitation bench near the teacher's desk. Large blackboards across the front of the room were used extensively for writing, spelling, arithmetic, and drawing maps. There being only a few pupils (2-6) in each grade, the teacher easily had insight into each individual's abilities, achievements, and problems.

Bryant School, Built in 1900. Bearcreek Township.

Change was primarily one of economics as the pupil enrollment became less. Smaller families, larger farms, and the availability of high schools all contributed to consolidated schools as well as a popular opinion that better results were obtained if a teacher could devote all of her time to a uniform age group.

In retrospect, confusion of all of these age groups and classes was not a real problem. Teachers expected proper discipline and respect of the rights of others. Practically all exercises and questions were directed to the students in an esay type of written and oral exam. Multiple choice and true and false tests were not used.

In the School Reorganization Act of 1959, the commision set a minimum standard of 1000 resident pupils in an average daily attendance of any new school corporation formed under the act. This called for extensive reorganization, which was finalized with many changes in the spring of 1964.

Jay County owes a lot to The Little Red School House philsophy and it served its purpose well.

Written by Mardy L. Logan

Madison School

The history of Madison School began over 100 years ago, in 1854, when one-fourth acre in the northwest corner of section 22, Madison Township, was purchased from Nathan Woten.

Patrons of the community came together and built a one-room log cabin with earthen floor, a fireplace for heat, and split logs mounted on four legs for seats. They named it Center because it stood in the center of the community.

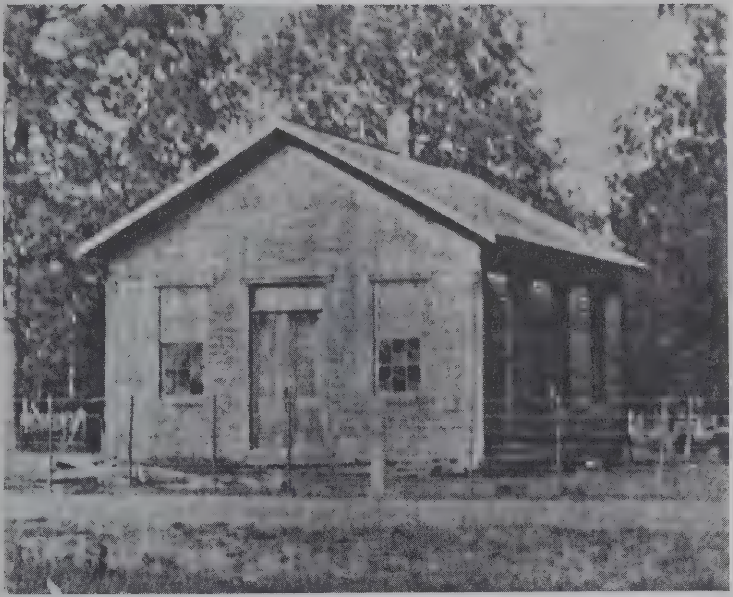
The first log cabin was relegated to a woodshed after a frame building was built nearby in 1861.

A brick school house was built at the school site in 1895. This building was torn down later after the high school was built in 1922 and 1923.

The 1923 Educational Directory of the Jay County Public Schools stated that the Madison Township High School was one of the best buildings in the state. The total cost of the new building was approximately $50,000.

Classes first met in the fall of 1923 with Harold Brubaker as principal. Mr. Brubaker remained as principal for seventeen years. Others who taught at Madison the first year were: S.A. Armstrong, Clarence McLaughlin, Lulu Tinkle, T.A. Spitler, John LeMaster, Floyd Freemyer, Mabel Whitacre, Vesta King, and Iona Meyers.

Fifteen Madison graduates returned to teach at Madison. They are as follows: Thelma Kidder Wiebusch, Tressa Miller Culbertson, Clarence Sommer, principal 1945-47, Rachel Warnock Olson, Emma Stump Warnock, Marie Bibler Morehouse, Florence Heidegger Coldren, Ivan Sommer, Doris Harruff Freemyer, William Paul Lee, Ruth Evelyn Theurer Mote, Velma Lou Moyer Trice, Judith Keen Smith, Shirley Franck, and Craig Caupp.



Madison High School was well known in debating and oratorical contests, as well as athletics. The boys basketball team won the Jay County Tourney eight times and the girls basketball team won the County Championship in 1926. The baseball team won the County Boys Championship in 1932. Madison had an entry in the 1964 State Track Meet.

A school orchestra was organized in 1929 with twenty-nine charter members, and a school band was organized in 1948 with thirty-five charter members. Madison students participated in other various extra-curricular activities.

A 1935 graduate, Walter Rhoades, established the Rhoades Scholarship in 1956 which has been awarded to the following students: Ann LeMaster, Arlene Morris, Carolyn Milthaler, Joy Turner, Karen Van Osdol, Ginger Layman, Barbara Thornton, Janet Ballard, Dennis Theurer, Barbara Sipe, and James Gettinger.

Families who have all graduated from Madison High School are: LeRoy and Dorothy Harruff Zearbaugh and son Jerry; Paul and Gene Roush May and son, Edward; James C. and Georganna Williams Shauver, daugher Sandra, and son, Donald; Glen W. and Catherine Wehrly Theurer, son, Jerry, daughters, Linda and Judy.

In 1964 Madison Township School became a member of the Jay School Corporation. The class of 1967 numbering nineteen students was the last graduating class of Madison High School. Classes for K-8 continued at the school through May, 1974 with Norman V. Cardin, principal. High school students were bused into Portland High School. The Madison School building was razed in 1975. The land was sold and remains vacant.

Ruth Evelyn Smith Theurer

Gov. I.P. Gray School

October 29, 1966

When your request for documentary data in reference to the History of Gov. I.P. Gray School came to me, I sat reminisced, and was suprised at the lack of any authentic data. However here is some:

Petitions, requesting the Trustee and Advisory Board of Jefferson Township for consolidation, were circulated in all eleven districts in the year 1911.

A majority favored centralization, and wished it to be located centrally. For this purpose land was purchased from O.E. Lacey's farm adjacent to New Mt. Pleasant.

The School Board
Jacob Dull - Trustee
Advisory Board
George P. Lare
Isaac Thrash
Joseph R. Nixon
County School Superintendent; W.R. Armstrong
Contractor and Architect; Mr. (?) Losch, Union City, Indiana.

Work was started in the spring of 1911. The building was completed September 1, 1912.

School began September 13th 1912.

The school was named for I.P. Gray, Governor, of Indiana. The first Democrat Governor after the Civil War. He was from Randolph County and a friend of Architect Losch. Losch was miffed because Randolph County had sixteen schools, part were named for the local celebrities, but this was a time of partisian politics and Randolph was strongly Republician. Gray was not honored. Losch had his revenge in Jay County.

The Jefferson School Board was made up of three Democrats and one Republician.

The First year at Gray - Personnel

Harry L. Nixon, Principal and History
Orla A. Dull, Science and Foreign Language
Carl E. Miller, Literature - Com. Mathematics - 5th & 6th
Florence B. Miller, Domestic Science
Hanson F. Mills 7th & 8th
Ethel Bair, Music and Art
Ray F. Nixon, 4th
Garnet Jenkins, 2nd & 3rd

The first three years operated as an accredited High School. In the year 1916, Gray High School was commissioned as a four year High School under the principalship of Carl E. Miller.

The first High School Graduate was:

Rolland VanSkyock in 1916

I Passed the Gray School building Saturday Oct. 29, 1966. It is being demolished - The north side is out now. The rest of the walls were waiting, Grim and ragged.

I spent ten years working there. Three as a teacher, and seven as the principal.

So you see I have very high regards for Old Gray and Her's.

I hope you can, with this, and other material give Gray a worthy Memorial.

Sincerely as ever,
Carl E. Miller

Pennville School 1973

Demolition I.P. Gray School

Noble Township School

Prior to 1922 the Sutton Building, formerly located on Jay Street, served as the Dunkirk High School.

Pennville School 1911-1975

General Shanks School

Judge Haynes School

Old Portland High School
(Now part of East Jay Jr. High School)

Poling School 1963

Old Dunkirk High School

Bryant
School
built in
1900

Redkey
School
built in
1896

Westlawn Elementary, Dunkirk

Bloomfield School

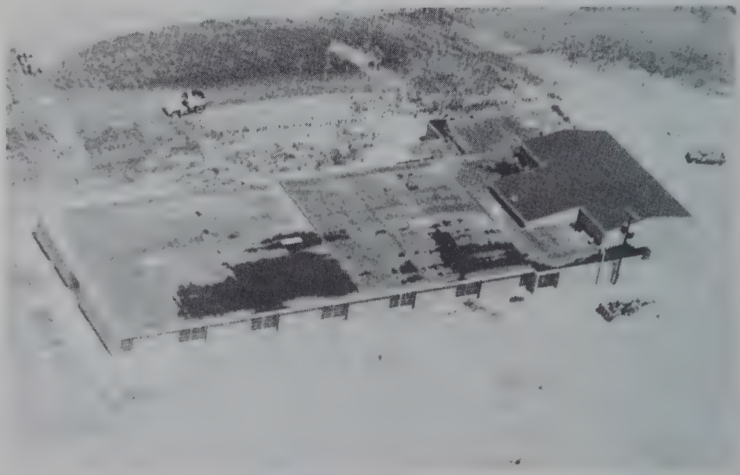
Garfield School

East Jay Elementary, Portland

Judge Haynes Elementary, Portland

Pennville Elementary

New Portland High School, now East Jay Junior High School



Redkey Elementary 1965

Jay County School Corporation Reorganization

After World War II and during the 1950's, the rapid increase of knowledge and the influences of technology required educators to keep abreast of these influences and to modify the program of studies in the public schools.

This period also found families of school-age children moving from rural to metropolitan areas which caused a drop in school enrollments in the rural schools. The consolidation of schools and school corporations was a necessity to meet the increased cost of operation and decreased enrollments.

During this time in Jay County, Portland City Schools and Wayne Township consolidated (1951) to form the Portland-Wayne Township Schools. Penn Township and Knox Township consolidated (1959) to form the Penn-Knox School Corporation.

The last remaining one-room school was located at New Corydon and was closed in 1959. During the period 1960 to 1965 the high schools of Poling, Gov. I.P. Gray and Madison were closed and the students transferred to Redkey and Portland.

The School Corporation Reorganization Act of 1959 enacted by the Indiana General Assembly provided for the establishment and maintenance of a generally uniform and efficient system of public schools in the state of Indiana. Its goal was to provide a more equalized educational opportunity for public school pupils, to achieve greater equity in school tax rates among the existing taxing units, and to provide a more effective use of public funds expended for the support of the school system.

The School Corporation Reorganization Act set up the procedures for each county in the state to make a study of the formation of new school corporations, the uniting of two or more school corporations, and provided procedure to form school corporations across county lines.

The law provided for a procedure to form a county committee to study the reorganization of schools in the county and report to the state commission for approval. The plan approved by the state commission was to be presented to the voters of the various school corporations for an opportunity to approve or reject the formation of a community school corporation as set out in the plan.

The first county committee to serve in Jay County was: Dick Dee, Dunkirk School Board member; A.C. Cheeseman, Greene Township; John Walter, Trustee of Bearcreek Township; Byron Nesbitt, Wayne Township; John Elliott, Penn Township; John Frank, Noble Township; Jack Payne, Richland Township; Mardy L. Logan, Superintendent, Portland-Wayne Township Schools; and B.L. Koch, Jay County Superintendent of Schools.

The Jay County Committee held public meetings in every school corporation in Jay County. Meetings were held with Blackford, Adams, Delaware and Randolph County committees. The members gave many hours meeting with various groups in the area.

The Jay County committee approved the preliminary written plan in October, 1960. The plan called for a one-unit school corporation within the boundaries of Jay County, with that area of Blackford County within the Dunkirk city boundaries to be included in the Jay County plan.

The school board was to consist of seven members appointed by a convention of duly elected officials. Later this was changed by the voters of the corporation to an elected school board.

The names of the school corporations to be consolidated into a single school corporation were Bearcreek Township, Greene Township, Jackson Township, Jefferson Township, Madison Township, Noble Township, Pike Township, Richland Township, Wabash Township, Penn-Knox School Corporation, Dunkirk School Corporation, Redkey School Corporation, and Portland-Wayne Township School Corporation.

The first plan of reorganization of school corporations in Jay County was approved by the voters at a general election. But due to a technicality, the voters of Dunkirk living in Blackford County were not permitted to vote on the plan, and the election was voided.

The voters approved the reorganization plan at the election in May, 1964.

The first school board took office July 1, 1964. The members were: Orla Campbell, Bearcreek Township; Tom Lemon, Pennville; Dorsey McAfee, Noble Township; William Pfenning, Portland; George Wilmore, Dunkirk; Dick Pursifull, Jefferson Township; and Hugh Miller, Portland. The new school board selected Mardy L. Logan, Superintendent; B.L. Koch, Assistant Superintendent; and C.B. Salisbury, Assistant Superintendent.

The first act of the new school board was to equalize all contracts of employees and to provide equal educational opportunities for all pupils from kindergarten through grade 12.

During the next few years the new school corporation built new elementary schools and additions to existing schools to replace obsolete buildings. Bloomfield was built to serve grades K-6 students living in Jackson, Bearcreek, and Wabash Townships. East Elementary school, grades K-6, was built to serve students living in Noble, Madison, and Pike Townships, and east Portland.

Judge Haynes and General Shanks schools, grades K-6, were provided with additions to serve students living in Pike, Jefferson, and Greene Townships, and Portland.

An addition was built to the Redkey School to serve K-6 students in Jefferson and Richland Townships and Redkey.

The Dunkirk Westlawn K-6 addition was to serve students living in Richland Township, Knox Township, and Dunkirk.

The Pennville K-6 addition was to serve Penn Township, Knox Township, and Pennville.

These buildings and additions provided excellent facilities and equal educational opportunity for students grades K-6 in Jay County.

Considerable controversy arose over the question of building one high school or two high schools. The board voted to build one high school, grades 9-12, to serve the students of Jay County. The Jay County High School building was completed in 1975. Seventh and eighth graders were housed in the former Junior-Senior High School in Portland and the former Dunkirk Junior-Senior High School building in Dunkirk.

The new high school facility expanded the instructional offerings with emphasis placed on vocational opportunities. The laboratory facilities and equipment enriching the program of studies at the high school level. The guidance program expanded with special attention given to educational and vocational guidance. The student activity programs were expanded to provide increased opportunities and to accommodate the interests of girls as well as boys.

When reorganization was completed in Jay County the educational system was comprised of one new senior high school, grades 9-12; two junior high schools, grades 7-8, one at Dunkirk and one at Portland; and seven elementary schools: Dunkirk Westlawn, Pennville, Bloomfield, Redkey, Portland East Elementary, Portland Judge Haynes, and Portland General Shanks.

By B.L. Koch

In 1981 a new combination vocational auto mechanics/bus maintenance building was completed. The completion of this facility fulfilled the needs in two areas. First, the fleet of sixty buses were put on a regular maintenance schedule—a tremendous safety factor considering the valuable "cargo" they carry. Secondly, the addition to the auto shop makes Jay County High School one of the most comprehensive high schools in the state of Indiana in facilities and in the program.

Also in 1981, a new West Jay Junior High School building replaced the 60 year old structure that was Dunkirk High School before reorganization. This building, though compact in physical nature, makes possible a complete program for junior high school students in that area.

As of this writing, all school buildings are in excellent condition. In addition great strides have been made in program development and in program continuity throughout the system.

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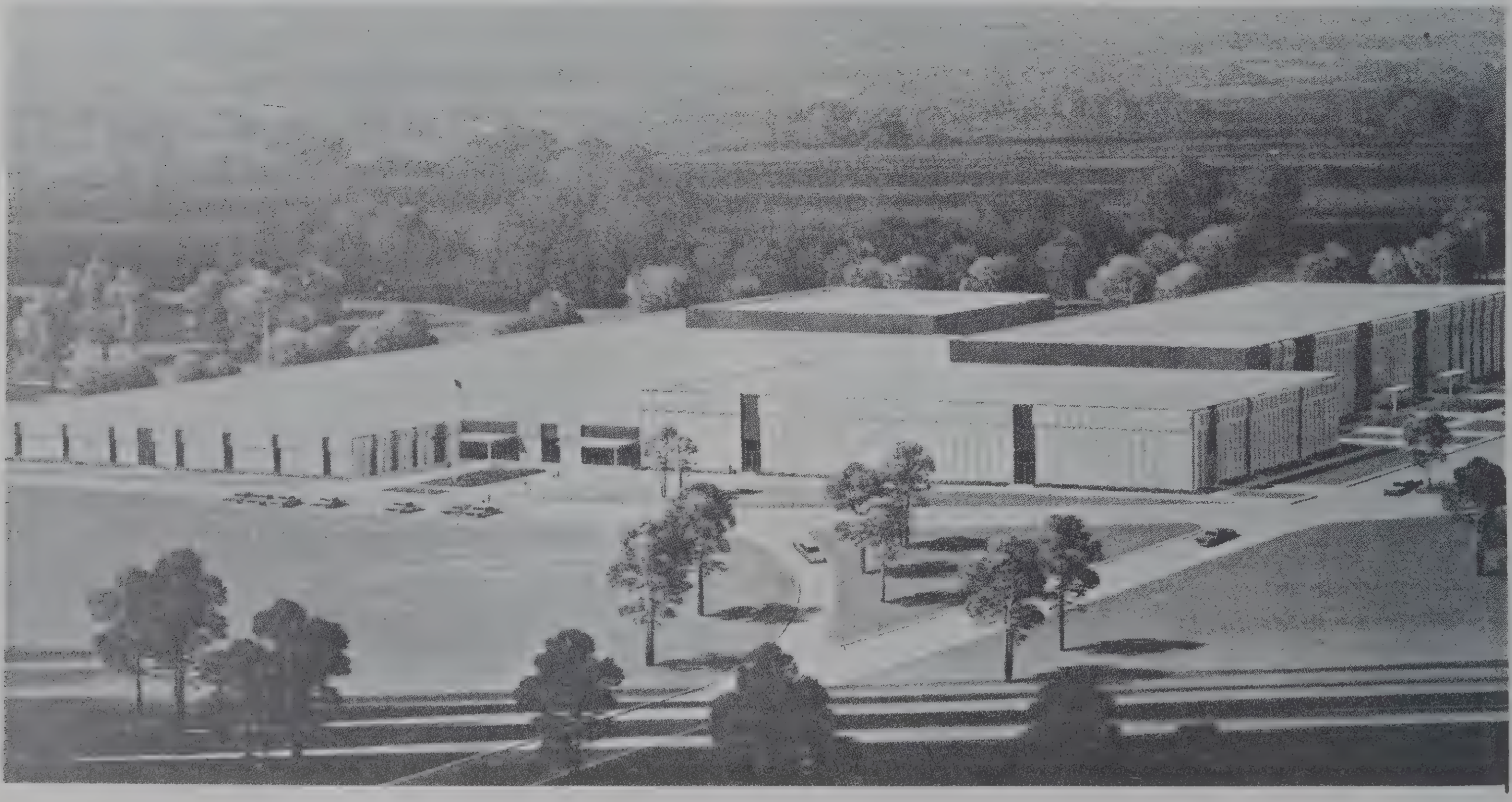
General Shanks Elementary, Portland

New East Jay Junior High School

Below: Jay County High School 1975

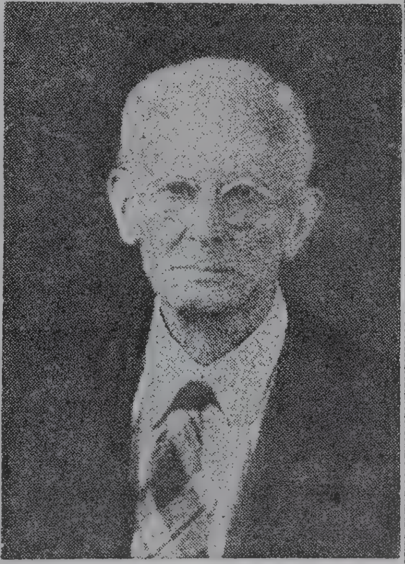


In Tribute
For His Part In Preserving
The History Of Jay County.

Death Summons J. Walter Fiers Sunday Morning

J. Walter Fiers, 91, long-time school teacher and grandson of the founder of Redkey, died at 6 o'clock Sunday morning in Jay County Hospital after a six-months illness.

Born in Redkey, he lived there all his life and taught in local and vicinity schools for 47 years. He was well known for his historical articles and poetry and helped write several volumes of Jay County history.



J. WALTER FIERS

Mr. Fiers was superintendent of Methodist Church Sunday School for 22 years and taught the Men's Bible class. He was the son of James and Mary J. Redkey Fiers. His wife, the late Mary J. McKinty, died in 1908 and his only child, Forest, shortly after World War I.

Surviving are one sister, Miss Ella Fiers of Redkey, with whom he resided the past few months; two grandchildren, James H. Fiers and Mrs. Mary Jane Simmons of Indianapois, and three great-grandchildren.

The body was taken to the Jones and Son funeral home from where it will be returned to the home of the sister after 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Redkey Methodist Church. The Rev. C. G. Cook will officiate and burial will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery.

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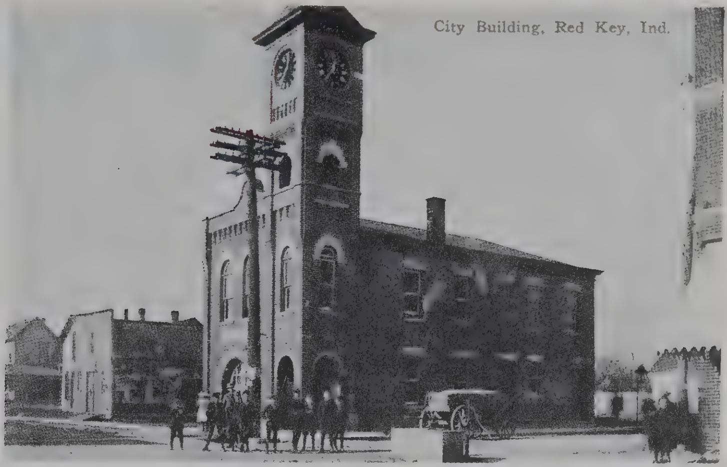
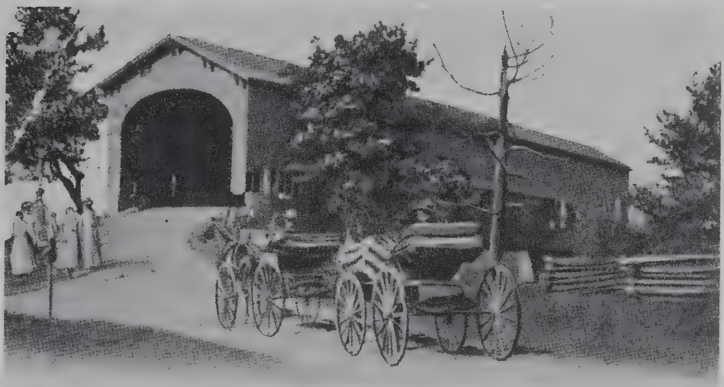


City Building, Red Key, Ind.



Redkey, Ind.

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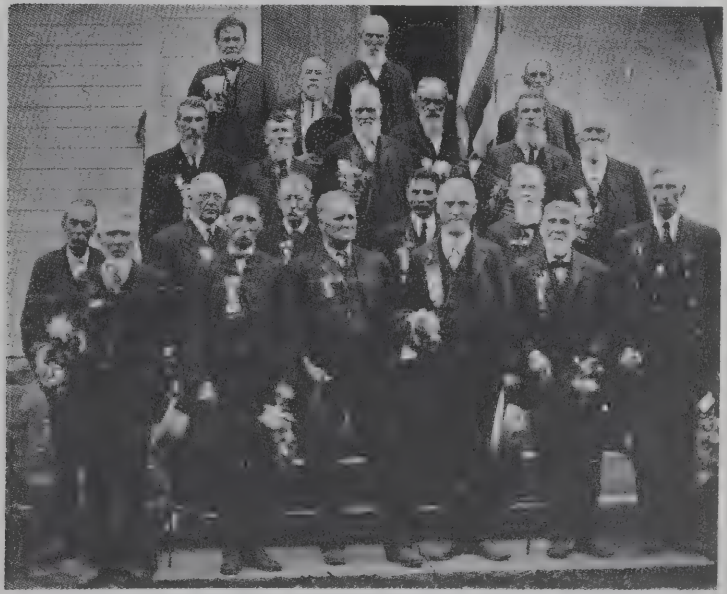

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No. 1, Alex Stitsworth
No. 2, George Crist
No. 3, Wesley Evans
No. 4, Tom Daugherty
No. 5, John W. Hill
No. 6, Ed LaLaFollet
No. 7, Dr. George Shepard
No. 8, Levi P. Coats
No. 9, Chaney Pyle
No. 10, Squire Atkinson
No. 11, Rev. Lundy
No. 12, Issac Goe
No. 13, George Reynolds
No. 14, John Evilisizer
No. 15, Blinky Miller
No. 16, Joel Green
No. 17, Francis Dunnington
No. 18, Theodore Baker
No. 19, Arminis Davis
No. 20, Tommy Seagraves
No. 21, Samuel Hamonit

— CHURCHES —

Indiana State Holiness Camp

Indiana State Holiness Camp is an interdenominational campground organized April 14, 1951 as a result of several revivals held in the area churches.

The camp was formed as an interdenominational group and the first camp meeting was held in a tent on July 12 thru 22, 1951, on the Roll Hartman farm, one mile west of Indiana 1 on County road 120.

In the fall of 1951 Mr. and Mrs. W. Harrison Horn gave four acres to the camp board for a permanent location. The campground has been developed since its organization in 1951. The area has been increased from the original four acres to six with the donation in 1977 of two more acres by Mr. and Mrs. George Horn.

The tabernacle was built in 1952 and is a wood frame structure with a seating capacity of more than 700. Another structure designed as a dormitory and dining hall was constructed in 1954 and in 1957 a worker cottage was put up to accomodate workers during the camp. Restrooms and camping facilities were added in 1977. Work progresses each year as new things are added and buildings and grounds are kept up.

Materials for the tabernacle were donated by Mrs. Nellie Summers, Glen Middleton, Gerald Horn, Noah Zimmerman and labor was provided by many interested persons.

Other activities are conducted at the camp throughout the summer besides the annual camp meeting.

A Missionary Orientation Program sponsored by World Gospel Mission, headquarted at Marion, Indiana, is held each year at the camp. The purpose being for new missionaries to study the culture of foreign countries and learn to adopt to new ways of life. Studies are based on the changing types of governments in the world and theology of missionary endeavor.

A gospel sing is featured each year by the Men With Vision group, laymen from World Gospel Mission. The camp is made available to any churches who need the facilities during a remodeling program at their home church or for other activities such as picnics, retreats and things that are church related.

Charter members of the camp include Gerald Horn, president, Elmer Arnold, vice president, Clarence Futrell, secretary, Irey Ridgeway, treasurer, other members, Russell McEwen, Carl Bantz Sr., Everett James, Glen Middleton, George Stephenson, W. Harrison Horn, Walter Nuckols, and Harley Geesaman.

Present camp board members are Gerald Horn, President, Harold Prouty, Robert Hudson, George Horn, Larry Peterson, Walter Nuckols, Russell McEwen, Irey Ridgeway, William Daugherty, Harley Geesaman, Carl Bantz Sr., and Harold Walker. Reserve board members include Evan Dilworth, Dave Lowe, Lemoine Overholser, Truman Pensinger, Dean Warner, Donald Hudson, and Ramon Loucks.

Indiana State Holiness Camp Meeting is interested with the spreading of Scriptural Holiness and is faithfully striving to maintain an atmosphere where the Spirit of Christ is always at work. The camp is Wesleyan in doctrine and values highly its God given ministry to churches of all denominations. We pray that those who come will carry the revival spirit back home and become better laborers together with God in their own churches.

Faith Chapel Church

On September 5, 1979, at the home of George and Elnora Horn, a small group of laymen met together to discuss the matter of starting a new church. Their concern was to establish a biblically centered church in their community and to promote the doctrines as taught by John Wesley, the founder of the early Methodist Movement.

Rev. Lewis Hedges agreed to help this group to get started and to be their first pastor. So along with his other duties as a staff member of World Gospel Mission, Rev. Hedges began holding services in the home of Larry and Nancy Peterson.

Also, during the early days of organization, Rev. Max Morgan, the conference superintendent of the Evangelical Church of North America, met with the group to discuss the denomination and its doctrinal position. On this same evening of September 10, 1979, it was decided that they would join the Evangelical Church of North America. All necessary officers, trustees, and committees were then elected.

This small group of people continued to pray and trust God and seek His guidance for a building in which to worship. By September 19, 1979, the group decided to buy a building where a Baptist school once was located. The name of Faith Chapel was chosen for the new church.

Having purchased the building, located on Co. Rd. 120, one fourth mile west of St. Rd. 1, it was clean-up and fix-up time. Everything from painting and carpeting, to buying pews and chancel furniture was now taken to task. Finally on December 9, 1979 the first church service was held in the newly purchased building. It was all the result of prayer, planning, and performance, all of which was done in a spirit of love and togetherness.

God was not done working yet and thoughts were now on aiming toward getting a full time pastor, since Rev. Hedges' time was limited because of his other duties.

Contact was made with a young pastor in the E.C.N.A. who had just completed his seminary training. Under the recommendation of the District Superintendent and the agreement of the members of Faith Chapel, Rev. and Mrs. John Pflum were appointed the position. A home near the church was purchased as a parsonage and the Pflums moved in. On June 1, 1980, Rev. Pflum preached his first message as pastor. Thus, within nine months Faith Chapel had grown from just an idea to a well established church. For this may God be praised!

There have been many other changes in the church as it has continued her mission for God. There are many new members who have contributed to the advancement of Faith Chapel. May God always guide this church which was begun for the advancement of His Kingdom.

Gilead Church

This church, located 1/2 mile east of Balbec, Penn Township, was built on land that had belonged to Cyrus and Abigail Paxson.

As to organization Gilead is not the oldest church in Jay County, but as far as we have been able to ascertain it is the oldest church building. This was built in 1864, and with changes and improvments, it is the same building. Here is an interesting quotation from a newspaper article taken from the Pennville Journal in 1915. "Although the main part of the house is more than fifty years old it is in good repair and appears good for fifty more years of service." and indeed it has and then some—64 to be exact.

By the time Gilead was organized the land was partially cleared and housing was beginning. Many who settled here in Penn Township, especially the Gilead neighborhood, were of Quaker descent. To this new land came the Smiths, Dugdales, Mendenhalls, Williams, Paxsons (many families of these), Edmundsons, Lewises, Browns, Ireys and many more. Many of these knew each other before coming to Indiana and settled near each other. Together they worshipped and eventually built churches. Before that they met together in their homes for worship. Many of these helped organize this church named the Gilead United Brethern Church in Christ. Many of the families just listed are on the list of 54 charter members.

Just before the church was built they met at the Paxson school. A Gilead class was organized at the Balbec schoolhouse April 18, 1864, as part of the White River Conference. The society proceeded at once to erect a meeting on the present site.

It was built and completed in the fall of 1864 and dedicated December 25, 1864. Tradition says the men of the church built it themselves at a cost of $14.00. One would think from its looks and durability it was built by master carpenters. The original benches were made from one walnut log given by Ambrose Hopkins.

The church was first remodeled in 1880 at a cost of $600. The church again was remodeled in 1898 at a cost of $500. This included a foundation under the building; new windows (presumably the stained glass windows). The belfry, spire and bell were added in 1881. It was purchased for $145. This bell is noted for the purity and the carrying power of its tone. One former Balbec resident used to say that it said "Come, Sinner, Come." Many are the people over the years who have come to worship there summoned by the welcome sound of the clear ringing bell.

A new platform was built in 1911. A new pulpit was built later. Just completed is an addition which has been built to have an inside restroom and room for classes for the youngest members. Also this room will be used for church and community activities.

Down through the years the busy women found time for church in their lives. They helped to organize the church or, as they called it then, the class. They were active in the WCTU and Ladies Aid. The Ladies Aid was a social organization as well as an integral part or backbone of the church. When work, such as cleaning or papering the church, was needed, the ladies were there to do the job. When money was needed for some specail purpose or to fulfill the regular activities of the church, they were there. If someone was in need, they were there to help. Rag sewing for rugs, comfort or quilt making, ice cream socials, a party to pay for the "new" electric lights, and serving lunches at sales are just a few of the activities.

Much of the social life of the community (as well as the religious needs) centered around the church. The highlight of June was the practice for and the presentation of a program by the children. Class parties once a month were the vogue. Taffy pulls, ice skating parties, hayrides and sewing bees were typical recreational activities.

Portland First Church of God

Services of the first church were held in the parsonage at 115 East Washington Street. Rev. R.A. Walling was the Pastor. In 1955 Rev. Rollie Price was the Pastor holding services still in the parsonage. In 1956 a new church building was erected. Rev. Price passed away while pastoring in Portland. Several pastors have served: Rev's. Blair, Berry, Botset, Tuite, Jenkins, Root, Lehman, Beuhler, Krieg, Wallace, Whittam. The present pastor is Rev. Carleton Bebee. Anyone that has been born again is a member of the Church of God.

The American Baptist Church

The American Baptist Church was first known as the First Baptist Church of Dunkirk, In., located at 427 S. Main St. The first pastor being Absolam Pany.

The cornerstone was laid for the church on the present site in 1914. Approximately 1000 persons were present when the cornerstone was laid.

in 1930, the church observed the 60th anniversary, with the history of the church being read by the clerk, Ella Cunningham, who is still an active member. In August 1954, a parsonage was erected to the north of the church structure. Rev. Harry Brown, was the pastor at that time.

Rev. Martin Homme accepted the pastorate in 1959. He was the first minister to be ordained in our church. This was on May 15, 1959. Rev. Norman Milser was ordained in the same church June 14, 1981.

In 1962, new pulpit furniture was purchased, and is still in use. On October 11, 1964 we observed the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of our present building. Rev. Dean Wisehart was pastor at that time. The building was completed and dedicated on May 16, 1965. In August the same year, Rev. George Atkinson accepted the charge to become the new pastor. The first payment on the church's indebtedness was made, the mortgage was burned in a special ceremony on October 11, 1969. This was three years before the expected date.

Faith Baptist Church

Faith Baptist Church (then known as Faith Bible Church), 211 East Main Street, Portland held its first service on December 2, 1973. It was established as an independent, fundamental church to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The church building had been purchased from the United Church of Christ, which had previously occupied the building. Founders of Faith Bible Church were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Liechty, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Loy, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young.

Rev Warren Cox, Jr., an evangelist from Indianapolis,

Faith Baptist Church, Portland

was called as the church's first pastor. Rev. Cox pastored Faith Bible Church until October 1974, when Rev. Joe Hines, previously assistant pastor of the church, became full-time pastor. Rev Hines served until April 1975.

On July 14, 1975, Rev. Linwood Doane, a native of Harwich, Massachusetts, was called to be pastor of Faith Bible Church. Rev. Doane was graduated from Thomas Road Bible Institute in Lynchburg, Virginia. Faith Bible was his first pastorate. He had previously served 28 years in the U.S. Air Force, having attained the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. He was ordained into the ministry at Faith Bible Church by an ordination council on November 14, 1975.

Under Rev. Doane's leadership, the church expanded its soul-winning ministry and missions program. The church supports Child Evangelism Fellowship International, and a "Good News Club" for children is currently held at the church on Sunday evenings.

Pastor Doane holds weekly Bible studies at the Portland Community Care Center. He conducts Wednesday night prayer meetings at the church and visitation on Thursday evenings. Sunday services are held at 9:30 a.m. (Sunday school), 10:30 a.m. (morning worship) and 7:00 p.m. A Word of Life Club for teenagers meets at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday at the church.

Various improvements have been made to the church building during the past five years. These include an indoor baptistry, glass front doors, basement refurbishing, central air conditioning and carpeting for the outside steps.

On March 10, 1981, the congregation voted to change the church's name from Faith Bible to Faith Baptist. It is an independent Baptist church. Current trustees are William Calhoun, Robert Shepherd and Richard Young. Lloyd Cook is deacon.

The building occupied by Faith Baptist Church was built in 1894 by the Christian Church. The first pastor was Fred Stovenour.

The church later became the Congregational Christian Church, which some years later merged with the Evangelical and Reformed Churches to become part of the United Church of Christ. Pastors over the years included Carl Baldwin, Milton Wisely, Otto Hollowell, Isham Curts, David Stout, J. Robert Coovert and K. David Schlundt.

The present goals of Faith Baptist Church are to reach the community for Christ, strengthen the body of Christian believers, and continue to enlarge missionary efforts abroad.

First Baptist Church

Portland, Indiana

A Bible class was started at the Arthur E. Wilson's home in April 1948. Three Baptist families participated. The pastor of Liberty Center Baptist Church led the Bible study. The attendance ran from 6-11 and there was a collection of $105.53. The Bible studies were cancelled on May 29, 1949.

Some of this group continued to pray for a Baptist work in Portland, God laid it on V.B. Castleberry's heart. He made contact with the Jim Lee family and Clay Logan family. An advertisement in the *Commercial Review* got the attention of the Arthur Wilson family and Maxine King.

The mission started in July 1954. First services were held August 8, 1954 at 2:30 p.m. It was started in one room at the corner of High and Meridian. Rent was fifty dollars a month. Children in VBS at Fairview Baptist Church gave $36.25 toward the first month's rent.

V.B. Castleberry and C.E. Wiley began the work in Portland. Fairview Baptist Church, Richmond, Indiana was the sponsoring Church. After the church was organized, Castleberry stayed in Portland as pastor and missions director of this area.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1955 at 7:30 p.m. the church was organized. For the organizational meeting, C.E. Wiley served as moderator. Archie McGuire, layman of Fairview Church, served as clerk. Castleberry read the constitution and moved the fellowship enter into a covenant relationship. R.E. Sasser moved the new church be organized as the First Baptist Church of Portland, Indiana.

The church was organized with the following charter members: Mildred Lee, Mary McKibben, Daniel Castleberry, Mrs. Daniel Castleberry, Mrs. James Wheeler, V.B. Castleberry, Pocahontas Castleberry, Hansel Logan Jr., Iva Nell Logan, Hansel Clay Logan, Mrs. Hansel Logan, Maxine King, Arthur A. Wilson, Arthur E. Wilson and Mabel Wilson.

FIRST BAPTIST

First Baptist Church, Portland

Castleberry was called as pastor with $25.00 a week from the church. He received $150.00 a month from the Association as a part-time director of missions.

The first business meeting was held May 8, 1955. Mabel Wilson was elected clerk and treasurer; Arthur E. Wilson, Clay Logan and V.B. Castleberry were elected trustees. A building committee was elected. The members were: V.B. Castleberry, Arthur E. Wilson, Clay Logan and Mabel Wilson.

The following Sunday School teachers were elected: V.B. Castleberry, Adult; Mabel Wilson, Intermediate and Young People; Maxine King, Junior Class; Pocahontas Castleberry, Beginners and Primary.

The first revival was conducted December 26, 1954 thru January 2, 1955, C.E. Wiley was the evangelist. Sunday morning worship services began January 16 at 10:30 a.m. The first six months of Sunday School lessons were written by Castleberry.

On April 24, 1955 the mission contracted for a lot on Blaine Pike at a cost of one thousand dollars. The lot was paid for and a deed granted on June 5, 1955. The first unit was started in August 1955 and enclosed by October 1, 1955. The church entered the new building with seventeen members and three thousand dollars in debt.

On February 20, 1957, a Womans Missionary Society was organized by Alena Brock with six members.

June 28, 1957, Portland had a flood and all of the theater type seats were destroyed. The church purchased from United Church of Christ used pews that had been stored in a barn in the country.

The Sunday School enrollment reached 98 with an average attendance of 63 during 1958.

On September 12, 1959 plans were made for a new unit on the back of the first unit. Two restrooms were included in this addition.

The Church was incorporated August 11, 1960.

August 9, 1964 Blaine Pike Church property sold for $8000.00.

August 2, 1964 the Trinity E.U.B. Church building located at Arch and Commerce was purchased for $6500.00. Husman's Interior Decorators was given a contract to redecorate the building.

A new piano was purchased from the music store at Berne, Ind. on September 27, 1964.

Dedication services were conducted on November 8, 1964. V.B. Castleberry was speaker for the morning service and C.E. Wiley for the afternoon dedication. Artie Wilson led the music and singing.

On May 6, 1965, a house across the street was purchased and removed for a parking lot.

While located at Arch and Commerce the church used the white house behind the church, the large apartment house across the railroad track, the Dan Byan property known as the 'green house' and the IOOF property for Sunday School space.

The church secured a loan through the Home Mission Board and purchased 6½ acres at Charles and Votaw. Ground was broken in May of 1976. Construction was started in September 1976. The first services in the new building were held May 8, 1977. Dedication services were conducted November 27, 1977.

The property was paid for when construction began. The loan for construction was secured through Citizens Bank. The building was erected by E.L. Jarmon of Pompano Beach, Florida.

Pastors

V.B. Castleberry	May 1955 - Oct. 1, 1955
Paul W. Vinxon	Jan. 10, 1956 - April 14, 1956
C.A. Norrell	May 13, 1956 - Sept. 1956
Clarence R. Brock	Nov., 1956 - Jan. 1959
James Seal	July 12, 1959 - Mar. 10, 1960
Jack Waasdorp	May 21, 1961 - May 7, 1963
Tommy Lowe	Dec. 5, 1963 - May 6, 1965
Byron Lutz	Nov. 16, 1966 - Jan., 1968
Clarence R. Brock	Sept. 1968 - March 31, 1981
Gerald I. Gerig	Sept. 13, 1981

Holy Trinity Church

On August 24, 1854, Rev. Willibald Willi was sent to Jay County to minister to the religious needs of the Catholic families who settled there. He was accompanied by two lay brothers and four sisters of the Society of the Precious Blood. He bought land in section 9 of Wabash Township on which a log community chapel was built, as well as a priest house and a convent for the sisters called Mary's Home.

The chapel served the Catholics of the community until 1861. At this time Rev. Rochus Schuele took charge of this mission outpost. There were eleven Catholic families in Wabash Township: J. Stelzer, Wickelman, J. Wagner, J. Didion, Schierman, Peter Weber, Mathias Penn, Carl Stark, Peter Schirack, Peter Remaklus, and John Nittling. These men built a log church to seat 100, in the honor of the Holy Trinity, on land donated by Peter Didion in section 17, seven miles east of Bryant and one mile west of Mary's Home. This was done with the approval of Bishop John H. Luers, D.D. of Fort Wayne and under the direction of Rev. Schuele.

In 1879 Rev. Joseph Uphaus took charge of the congregation which had increased to sixty families. Realizing the need for a Catholic school, under Rev. Uphaus' direction and with the labor of the parishioners, a two story frame school was built near Mary's Home in 1880. Because the log church was too small, it was decided, with the approval of Bishop Joseph D. Dewenger, C.P.P.S., to build a gothic style brick church to seat 400. Plans were made and funds were raised by subscription. Work was begun in 1884 and in the spring of 1885 the cornerstone was laid. On October 24, 1885, the church was dedicated.

During the pastorate of Rev. Julius Heffner (1902-1906), a steam heating plant and bells were installed. Rev. Seraphin Kunkler's term as pastor was 1906 to 1909. In 1909 Rev. Julian Mayer took charge, and under his direction a new brick school and rectory were built. Rev. Linus Stahl succeeded as pastor in 1918. Mary's Home was sold, and a home for the teaching sisters at Holy Trinity was built that year.

When Rev. Victor Wagner took charge of Holy Trinity, June 1, 1929, the longest pastorate in the history of the parish began. That being the depression years, and also the war years, only the necessary repairs were made.

About 1951, plans were made and money raised by subscription to build a parish hall, including indoor plumbing. Rev. Wagner died July 25, 1952, before the parish hall was started.

This project was completed by his successor, Rev. Francis Uecker in 1953. Under his direction and with the help of the men of the congregation, extensive re-landscaping, resetting of the gravestones, and leveling of the grounds was accomplished.

In 1961 the Centenary was celebrated in a most fitting manner.

In 1962 Rev. Francis Rehberger succeeded Rev. Uecker, During his pastorate a parish council was formed and plans were made to redecorate the interior of the church. Once again funds were raised by subscription, and redecoration was completed in 1970. New glass doors were installed and new carpet was laid on the floors. In 1978 the exterior was repaired and repainted. In 1979, after a pastorate of 17 years, Rev. Rehberger retired to be succeeded by Rev. James Minch. He served the parish until 1918, when due to poor health, he was replaced by Rev. Norbert Loshe.

Throughout its history Holy Trinity has been blessed by the hand of the ever present Lord, enabling us to stand united as a real congregation for 127 years.

Trinity church is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Submitted by Fred Sudhoff

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Northern Indiana was within the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Quebec, 1674-1789; Bishop Carroll of Baltimore, 1789-1810, with a Catholic population at this time of 20,000; Bishop Flaget of Bardstown, 1810-1834; Bishops Brute, deLaHailandier, Bazinand De St. Palais of Vincennes, 1834-1857. The diocese of Vincennes was established in 1834 to include all of Indiana and one-third of Illinois. Bishop Carroll was Bishop of the entire United States. In 1784 when Father John Carroll, S.J. was consecrated in England as the 1st Bishop of United States, there were six Catholic Churches. One hundred years later there were 6,920 churches, chapels & stations. In 1785 Bishop Carroll established the Catholic population at 16,000 for Maryland; 7000 for Pa. and all other states at 15,000. One century later it was 6,000,000.

The church of the Immaculate Conception on East Walnut Street was erected in 1876. Prior to that date, Rev. Joseph Dwenger, C.P.P.S., and later Bishop of the Fort Wayne Diocese celebrated Mass in the courthouse at stated intervals.

There is a record of Catholic families in Portland before the Civil War, during the construction of railroads in this area.

Portland was visited as a station in 1873 by Rev. Paul Reuter, C.P.P.S., from St. Mary's home near Trinity in Wabash Township. He traveled here by horseback to celebrate Mass once a month in the home of Francis Vincent Gigandet, who resided two-and-one-half miles northwest of Portland.

Father Reuter, certainly a pioneer priest in Jay County, called a meeting of all Catholics in Portland, which consisted of seven families, on April 3, 1875. The members first organized in Geiger's Livery Office and elected Michael Mullowney, James Bolan and F. Vincent Gigandet as trustees.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Portland

The following Catholics participated in the organization meeting: James Bolan, Michael Mullowney, John Murphy, Martin Lynch, John McVoy Megeaver and Mr. Gigandet. At this meeting it was determined to erect a church, and Catholics and non-Catholics were generous in their donations and support.

Early records show the names of those who first started the Immaculate Conception church in Portland as Mr. Gigandet, John Murphy, Michael Mullowney and James Bolan, all Catholics; and non-Catholics, James B. Jaqua, Cornelius Corwin and others.

The second election for trustees was held in the church on June 3, 1878 with no candidates and no one wanting the office according to a record made by F. Vincent Gigandet. Finally Mr. Gigandet and John Murphy were recommended by the members to be appointed and were appointed by the priest.

The new trustees then went to work to raise finances for the pews for the church. After several days riding throughout the countryside soliciting from the scattered "fold" and from their non-Catholic friends, the money was obtained and seats placed in the church. Final settlement was made with the carpenter, Amos Thomas, on January 28, 1879.

The lot for the church on East Walnut street was purchased for the sum of $25 and the church was erected in 1876 and dedicated by Rev. George Fleisch. The contractor for the building of the frame structure (28x40) was Frederic March of New Corydon for $1185, without pews.

Two additional lots were purchased in 1888 by Rev. Joachim Baker at a cost of $1200. On one lot stood a small cottage, which became to priest's residence.

In 1906, Rev. L.A. Eberie remodeled the church and built an addition of 28x32 to the nave of the building, adding a 15x15 sacristy.

Beginning with Rev. Joseph Swenger in the early 70's up until July 1888, the church was attended by Fathers of the Most Precious Blood, including: Rev. Reuter, Rev. Fleisch from 1876 to 1878; Rev. Cosmas Seeberger from January

1878 to December 1878; Rev. Aloysius Malin from 1878 to 1882; Rev. Augustinus Seifert, 1882 to 1883; Rev. Joseph Heitz, 1883 to 1885; Rev. J.P. Missler, 1885; Rev. M.L. Dentlinger 1885-88 and Rev. John Nageleisen from March 1888 to July 1888.

After being a mission for a number of years, the parish was assigned its first resident pastor, The Rev. Joachim Baker, who served the Immaculate Conception parish from 1888 to 1891. He was followed by Rev. Anthony Strueder from October 1891 to 1894; Rev. Constance Maujay from October 11, 1894 to October 1900; Rev. J.P. Lascher, 1900-01; Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, 1901-02; Rev. L.R. Paquet, 1902-04; Rev. L.A. Eberle, 1904-07; Rev. T.J. Travers, 1907-17; Rev. Edward H. Vurpillat, 1917-19; Rev. Charles W. Marr, 1919-20; Rev. Leo J. Dufrane, 1922-29; Rev. Edward T. Fallon, 1929-34; Rev. Raymond Derrick, 1934-39; Rev. F.J. McAuliffe, 1939-40; Mathias Bodinger, 1940-42; Rev. J.C. Adler, 1942-45; Rev. Robert Sorg, 1945-49; and Rev. George Lanning from 1949 until July 1951, at which time he was succeeded by Rev. Thomas L. Carter, 1951-52. Father Carter was a member of the Passionist Fathers.

Immaculate Conception Parish gave two of its pastors to the service in World War II. Father Vurpillat was a chaplain in the army and Father Duframe a chaplain in the Navy. Father George Lanning left his parish to serve as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy.

For many years the Portland, Redkey and Dunkirk churches were served by one priest, but about forty-one years ago, Dunkirk was assigned a resident priest, Rev. Joseph Lynn and St. Joseph's Church, Winchester, which had been served by Union City, was transferred to the Portland charge. Winchester received its own pastor in later years.

The Jay County Catholic Churches were all part of the Fort Wayne Diocese until 1944 when the new See was established in Lafayette, known as the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana under the direction of its first bishop, John George Bennett (1945-1957). He was succeeded by Bishop John T. Carberry, 1957-1965. The present bishop, Raymond T. Gallagher, was installed as Bishop of the Diocese in 1965.

Rev. Carter was then succeeded by Father Harold Weller, 1952-58. During Father Weller's pastorate, the new parochial school was erected in 1953. Dedication ceremonies and open house at the Immaculate Conception School took place on October 24, 1954. Taking part in the program were city, church, and county officials and musical organizations. Bishop John G. Bennett presided at the dedication services of the new school. Harold Fieley was master of ceremonies for the school dedication supper. Committee in charge of the festivities were: Gordon Glentzer, James Schleman and Harold Fieley.

The New School was the first Catholic School in Jay County. Humbrecht and Associates of Fort Wayne were architects for the project and the general contractor was the Byrd Construction Company of Ridgeville, Ind. The Catholic School built under the direction of Father Weller was a mark of achievement and represented a sacrifice in money and labor by the people of the parish. Dr. James Koegel was building committee chairman. Mr. Joseph Holthouse was chairman of the fund-raising committee. Other members were: Jerome Meinerding, Harold Fieley, Robert Ford, Hugh Ford, Curtis Canada, Arthur Cummins, Ray Ferrell, Urban Minnich, Rus Figert, Joseph Burke, Joe Grisson, Soda Lantz, Jesse O'Brien, Edward Sheller and Gordon Glentzer.

A total of 67 students enrolled and attended the first day of school. Teachers for the new school were the Sisters of St. Joseph from Tipton, Indiana. Sister Mary Rosella was the first principal and taught the first three grades. Sister Mary Assumpta was in charge of the house. Sister Mary Ruth taught the upper three grades. The school grew in the following years to include all eight grades and had an enrollment of about 100 pupils.

Besides the four classrooms, the new building finished in Bedford limestone also contained an office, a large auditorium in the basement, a kitchen in which meals were prepared for the school children (including children of the public schools who wanted to have their lunch there).

The school remained in operation from 1954-1970. The school was forced to close its doors in May of 1970 because of the lack of sisters to staff it and the financial burden of operating the school with only lay teachers.

Sisters assigned to Immaculate Conception School are as follows:

1954-1955 Sisters Rosella, Ruth, Assumpta
1955-1956 Sisters Rosella, Ann Rose, Clare
1956-1957 Sisters Rosella, Patricia, Clare
1957-1958 Sisters Rosella, Herman Joseph, Clare
1958-1959 Sisters Rosella, Herman Joseph, Clare
1959-1960 Sisters Rosella, Pauline, Clare
1960-1961 Sisters Pauline, Theresa Ann, Lucy
1961-1962 Sisters Pauline, Rose Marie, Clare
1962-1963 Sisters Pauline, Jane Frances, Clare
1963-1964 Sisters Pauline, Mary De Montfort
1964-1965 Sisters Pauline, Mary De Montfort, Benedicta
1965-1966 Sisters Pauline, Angelita, Benedicta
1966-1967 Sisters Lucina, Annunciata, Maureen
1967-1968 Sisters Lucina, Stephanie
1969-1969 Sisters Agnes, Jane Frances, Richard Mary
1969-1970 Sisters Agnes, Ann Cecile, Richard Mary

The School building is presently being used as the parish catechetical and educational center. All parish and many community social functions are held in the school building.

Father Weller was succeeded by Father Maurice Miller (1958-1967). During Father Miller's pastorate, the present new church was built in 1964. As the parish membership grew, a larger church was needed. In September of 1960, Bishop Carberry gave the parish permission to proceed with plans for a new church. A fund drive was held and Ivo Hemmert and Associates of Hartford City were employed as architects. A groundbreaking service was held on April 5, 1964, and in May a contract for construction of the church was awarded to H.A. Dorsten, Inc., of Minster, Ohio. The general chairman of the fund raising committee was Edward Ehinger. Other men of the parish on this committee were: Joseph Holthouse, Curtis Canada, Robert Ford, Edward Sheller, Dr. James Koegel, - Division chairmen were: Edmund Minch, Harold Fieley, Jerome Meinerding, Charles Barrenbrugge. Team captains were: Leo Bruns, Vincent McCoy, Russell Figert, Urban Minnich, Leon Fisher, William McIntosh, Joseph DuJardin, Odus Marchal, Godfrey Wallischeck, Joseph Laux, Charles Wangler, Robert Wallischeck, Edward Grady, Ray Ferrell. Mr. Richard Frost of the Curtis M. Crum and Associates Fund Raising Agency of Kansas City assisted the parish in its efforts to secure funds for the new church.

The altar site was blessed and the cornerstone was laid during a service conducted by Msgr. Schweier of Muncie on September 27, 1964. Msgr. Schweier also consecrated the Altar on Friday, February 5, 1965. The Rev. Thomas Heilman of Anderson served as Master of ceremonies. The new church was dedicated on Sunday, February 7, 1965 by Bishop John J. Carberry. Rev. Michael Kettron served as master of Ceremonies. The dedication banquet was held in the school hall following the church service.

The new church seats about 400 persons. It is of contemporary design and is of Indiana Limestone. The interior walls are oak-paneled and the floor is terrazzo. The ceiling, supported by laminated wood arches, is of wood plank. The main altar is of black granite and limestone. It contains the relics of St. Felicissimus, martyred in A.D. 258; St. Clarus, martyr who lived in the ninth century; and St. Pius X, Pope and Confessor who died in 1914.

Father Miller was succeeded by Father Robert Sorg in 1967-70. This assignment was Father Sorg's second time as pastor of the Portland Church. On June 17, 1970, Father Kenneth T. Raczek, the present pastor, was appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Portland by Bishop Raymond J. Gallagher. On Saturday, June 27, 1970, Father Raczek was canonically installed as pastor by Msgr. Emil A. Schweier, Dean of the Muncie Deanery. Records show that 34 priests have conducted God's work in the parish thus far. On June 14, 1981, Father Raczek celebrated his 25th year as a priest of God.

Shortly after Father Raczek's arrival in Portland, the new church got a long-awaited steeple. The steeple is all aluminum, constructed and made by Campbellsville Industries, Inc., Campbellsville, Kentucky. Also the Verdin Bell System and Carillon Chimes were installed. The steeple was erected and the bell system installed on November 19, 1970. The new bell system rang for the first time on the Feast of The Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1970. The bells and chimes are enjoyed not only by the members of the parish, but the entire neighborhood awaits with eagerness the inspirational sounds coming from the church steeple. The steeple and bells were made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Ann Raczek, mother of Father Raczek, as a memorial to her late husband, Frank Raczek. Many of Father's friends also contributed to help make this project a reality. Mrs. Imelda McKeown and Dr. and Mrs. Alfonso Lopez, both of this parish, also made contributions towards the purchasing of the steeple and bells.

In November of 1970 the new planter boxes were added to the front facade of the church. Mr. Albert Stephen of Anderson donated his time and skill to the construction. The Brown and Butz Funeral Home of Anderson made a donation to purchase the stone needed for this project. New trees were planted in these planter boxes through the generosity of Mrs. Ann Raczek.

During the following years many improvements have been made to the school building.

In 1972 the Parish celebrated a moment of joy and triumph. A mortgage burning banquet celebration took place on October 23rd. "A miracle" well-expressed the feelings of those in attending. The burning of three mortgages, totaling nearly $100,000. Father Raczek with the sacrifice and support of the members of the parish suceeded in paying off the debt in two years. A plaque was presented to Father Raczek on behalf of each parish member in appreciation of his very hard work.

In 1972 the house on the corner of Walnut and Munson was purchased and torn down a year later. In 1973 the whole corner property was prepared by Joseph Mumby Companmy of Portland to enlarge the parish parking facilities. New walks, driveways, and curbing were added to enhance the beauty of the parish property. In 1974 the entire parking area was covered with asphalt by the Lica Construction Corp., of Berne, Ind. In 1975 entrance pillars to the parking lot were erected and new trees planted around the entrances and corner lot.

In 1971, through the generosity of Mrs. Gladys Hess, a Thomas Organ was added to the sanctuary of the church, in memory of her late husband, Robert Hess.

In 1973, through the generosity of Charles and Helen Barrenbrugge, the name of the church was installed above the front doors of the church.

In May of 1973 a wonderful comfort was added to the church. The building was air conditioned by Richard Rekeweg of the Reedy Refrigeration Service of Portland.

In July 1978 a new "Allen Digital Computer Organ System 603" was installed by The Wiling Music Co. from Indianapolis. The dedication services were held on July 29 and 30th, and was dedicated to Saint Cecilia, Patron Saint of Musicians.

On December 19, 1980 a new Crucifix "Christus Rex" from Italy was given by Mrs. Ann Raczek in memory of Frank and Ann Raczek.

The history of the Immaculate Conception Church of Portland, Indiana, has been one of steady advancement, growing from a parish of seven families in 1876 to approximately 320 families in 1981, representing an approximate total of 1000 members.

Little Salamonie Church

The church known as Little Salamonie Christian Church is located at the intersection of Boundary Pike and road 130. During bicentennial year, it celebrated its 137th year of existence. It is the oldest church organization in Jay County and was organized by Rev. Batteral in a big barn on the farm of John G. Spade. The Spade farm joined the little village of Liber on the east. For a few years the meetings were held in this barn in warm weather and at the homes of the membership in cold weather. Then by invitation they were taken to the home of Ammon Cook whose residence was some few rods southeast of road 120.

Because of sketchy records, facts about the early formation are very few. November 4, 1843, the records show there was a building constructed at the approximate site of the now existing church. This land was donated by Ebenezer Allen. The land is located on what was known as the Allen farm and is about three quarters of a mile southeast of where the church was first organized.

The church at this time was known as the "Church of Portland". On August 24, 1844, it was voted to change the church name to "Little Salamonie Christian Church" and to be a part of the Bluffton Christian Church Conference.

Little Salamonie Church was considered to be a very strict church. The church was organized on these principles: That the undersigned do hereby pledge ourselves to live together in church fellowship in the services of the Lord, taking the Holy Scriptures as the man of our council, the rule of our faith, and the practice by which we do agree to live extending fellowship to all Christians; in testimony of which we hereby pledge our hearts and join the right hand in fellowship and here unto set our names. Signed: Wipple Cook, Ebenezer Allen, Margaret Allen, Sunmer Griffen, Jacob Miller, Daniel Miller, Warren Ashley, Jane Wipple, Rachel Hardy, C.H. Clark, George Clark, Mary Miller, Ammon Cook, Harriet Cook, Mary Fruit, George Fruit, John Brice, Nancy Farber, Mary A. Spade, Mrs. John Frickle, Eli Longnecker, Andrew Harvey, and Wilkerson.

Rev. Batteral was the first pastor and Rev. Barber was the second. In 1848-49, Moses McDaniel was pastor. They had preaching services once a month. Most of the preachers were secured thru the conference and had several churches on their circuits. 1850-54, Noah Michael was the pastor. August 20, 1851, it was reported that there was a membership of 60. Also reported was there were no deaths during the past year except spiritual deaths. At the end of 1851 or early 1852, several members were removed because of unchristian conduct. Some of the charges were drinking, gossiping, and "bad" company. However, after those charged repented to God and to the church, they were welcomed back. 1853 was considered a spiritual growth year for the church. At the end of the year, a membership of 47 was listed. Seven members were gained in 1854. The pulpit was filled by D.F. Spade and Levi Capron. D.F. Spade was then hired to preach twice a month during 1865-66.

Early 1873, a meeting was called to discuss the moving of the church location. It seems some felt the church would be more effective over on the Big Salamonie and much more convenient for some members. It was decided on February 5, 1873, not to move the church. If some felt the calling to start another church at a new location, the church put their blessing on them and backed them with their prayers. A group did decide to leave and set up a church near the land of G.J. Spade on the Big Salamonie.

After the erection of the present building in 1876, the bell bought by the young men of the church was hung. Jacob Miller set out the locust trees around the church. The first organized Sunday School orchestra in Jay County was at Little Salamonie in 1884. Jessie Smith was the director with Charles F. Allen, Truman Boyd, and Albert Smith as members. The first organ was bought in the same year with Charles F. Allen as organist. The orchestra continues on for many years.

This time was a great spititual boom in the church. Not only here but all across the nation, the church was responding to the great revivals of D.L. Moody. Many souls were saved and great ministering to the community was seen.

During the 20's, the lights were powered by some type of a light plant. This went bad so electric lights were investigated. Deciding that the cost would be too much, it was dropped and the power plant was repaired. Arond 1950, electric lights were installed.

February 1951, it was decided to have "Prayer and Praise" services on the Sundays the preacher was gone. They had Sunday School each Sunday and preaching every other Sunday. The gas heating system was also installed in November 1953.

In 1955, the Junior Class decided they wanted to do something for the church. For the past year or so, the members had been bringing their extra pennies and nickles and collecting them each week for a project. Mrs. Myrtle Stahl was the teacher of this class. In conversation with Mrs. Julia Starbuck, Mrs. Stahl stated her class would like to buy a fill size picture of Christ for the front of the church. When one couldn't be found, Mrs. Starbuck offered to paint a full size picture of Christ knocking at the door if the children would buy the frame and needed supplies. What an accomplishment these children achieved. Each one doing such a small task over a period of time brought the result of something beautiful and great.

Little Salamonia Church

The summer of 1960 brought a new face lift to the church building. The old steps and front was removed and new added.

September 8, 1963, Little Salamonie united with the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical Reform Conferences. Although the conference took on the name of the United Church of Christ, the church voted to keep their original name. Little Salamonie was a part of this conference until May 1976.

Many times of joy and sorrow, laughter and tears, blessings and heartaches and spiritual growths have been seen in this church.

In sharing with our pastor, Joe Hines, we have compiled a statement which reflects the teachings and goals of us as a body of believers: Here at Little Salamonie, we are united under one Jesus Christ, and are working together for the furthering of His Kingdom. Today we are faced with the greatest task, that of giving spiritual direction and purpose for life.

Pastor Marshal Paschas is the present Minister

Noble Christian Church

The congregation of the Noble Christian Church first worshiped in members' homes, and in the old log school that set just west of the creek, and east of the present church. The church is now just across the road from the site of the old school house.

Noble Christian Church

The pastor was a circuit rider, who traveled from place to place holding services where ever possible. The Noble group was organized March 27th 1867.

The first church was built, by every member giving a tree, cutting, and hauling it to the sawmill. This building was used until a newer church was built in 1895. New pews were purchased for this church, and are still in use in the present church. Eventually this church was destroyed by fire in January 1951.

The church body was very strict about members behavior, and many times action was taken to chastise such members. This time in life little would be done about member behavior. Then, a deacon was voted out of office because he was guilty of conduct that was considered scripturally unbecoming to the office of Deacon. He had severely beaten his horse. The evening meetings were called at lamplighting time.

The present church building was begun in the spring of 1951. Services were held in the schoolhouse across the road during the construction period. The congregation had purchased the abandoned building after the consolidation of schools was effected in the county. This church was built on the west side of the road. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on Easter Sunday, March 25, 1951. The first services were held in the basement in May 1952, and the mortgage was burned on Sunday, July 30, 1961.

In recent years a steeple has been erected and the pews padded. Later new doors were added to the front.

Rev. Oren S. Greene was the first circuit rider. Rev. S.G. Wilson was the pastor when the organization became a fact in 1867.

The Rev. Joan Walradth is the present pastor. She lives in Muncie, In.

Elm Grove Church of Christ

George Steed to Church of Christ

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That George Steed of Jay County, in the State of Indiana, Conveys and Warrants to the Church of Christ, for the use and benefit of the Trustees of the Church of Christ, namely, Elmer Hummer, Silas Steed and George Steed, of Jay County, of the State of Indiana and their successors in office, for and in consideration of One ($1.00) Dollars, (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,) and also other consideration herein as mentioned, the following described Real Estate, Jay County, State of Indiana, to wit;

Part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section two (2), in township twenty two (22) north, of range thirteen (13) east and bounded as follows; Commencing at the southeast corner of said quarter, section and running thence north on the section line ten (10) rods; thence, west on a line parallel with the south line of said quarter, Eight (8) rods; thence south on a line parallel with the east line ten (10) rods; to the south line of said quarter; thence east to the place of beginning.

As a further consideration for said real estate, the Grantee convenants and agrees to the following:

1. That the said premises above described shall be used for Church purposes only and it is further agreed that no instrumental and musical instruments shall be used in said Church as a part of Divine Worship.
2. That said premises shall not be used for social purposes. All services shall be strictly religeous and in harmony with the Word of God.

IN Witness Whereof, the said George Steed (sole) has hereunto set his hand and seal this 5th day of July, 1921.

George Steed.

State of Indiana, County of Jay, SS: Before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said county this 5th day of July, 1921, personally appeared the herein named George Steed (sole) and acknowledged the execution of the annexed deed. My commission expires November 23, 1921 (L S) Charles E. Schwartz Notary Public Filed Aug. 1st, 1921 at 1:00 p.m.

John T. Heller R.J.C.

The location of the record to the deed of the Elm Grove Church of Christ was found in Glen Hummer's Bible. The information is in the Recorder's Office of the Jay County Court House Book 74, page 101.

Elm Grove Church of Christ

The building of the Elm Grove Church of Christ was located on one acre of ground at the N.W. corner of roads 134 and 109 in Jefferson Township, Jay County, Indiana, during the early, to middle, of the twentieth century. It was a large white frame with a belfry, the bell of which, was rung over a period of time, at regular intervals. The windows were of stained glass and they were shaped in a sharp peak. The interior was spacious with nice wooden pews, a wooden, unfinished floor, which remained bare until in later years, when the isle and pulpit were carpeted. It was heated with stoves, and the light came from kerosene wall lamps, with reflectors. There was one large Bible Stand and a table for the communion.

Services were held regularly every first day of the week. If the weather was too bad, sometimes the group worshipped at the Bechdolt home. The services were patterned after the New Testament Church of Christ, established on the day of Pentecost, which we read about in the book of Acts. They consisted of singing, praying, reading and studying the Bible, communing and contributing of one's means according to the way he had been prospered. During the early years there were no classes. Everyone studied together. In later years classes were formed.

God's plan to become a Christian and be added to the Lord's Church remains the same now as then.

One does the following:

1. Hear the word. Rom.10:14-18
2. Believe, John 20:31; Heb. 11:6, Acts 16:31
3. Repent of one's sins, Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
4. Confess Jesus before men. Math. 10:32; Acts 8:37; Math. 16:16
5. Be baptized into Christ. Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21; Rom. 6:34

Most of the members at Elm Grove were baptized in rivers, ponds or pools. Later, those who became Christians were immersed in baptistries.

Outstanding preachers in the brotherhood came regularly and held protracted meetings. Some of the local preachers who came much of the time were: John Weisel (Limberlost); Ward Weisel (Limberlost); Virgil Collins (Fairlawn, Muncie); Roy Morgan (Fairlawn, Muncie); Bob Monroe, (Fairlawn, Muncie); Floyd Stephens (Richmond); Charlie Martin (Lynn); and perhaps others. No record could be found. During the early thirties Flavil Hall, a preacher, song writer, Bible student, and dedicated Christian, moved his family (Bertha and Lesly) to the Steed's where they made their home in a house on the Steed property. During that time Bro. Flavil preached regularly for Elm Grove.

Following is a list of some of the preachers who came:

J.C.L. Whiteman (Limberlost)
Frank Elmore (Covington, Ind.)
Will Elmore (Covington, Ind.)
Thaddeus Hutson (Parkersburg W. Va.)
Austin Russell (Traders Point)
Joe Taylor
Ben Taylor (New Castle) 1981 still living in Watsonville, Cal. 102 yrs.-blind.
Clyde Sloan

As previously stated, no record could be found relating to members of this congregation. The following list spans a long period of time and was compiled relying upon memories.

George Steed Silas Steed John Steed Mary Anne Steed	Brothers and Sister all lived together. Devoted, faithful, humble Christians—Bible Students, singers. *Much* of the financial support for Elm came from these dear people.

Another sister, Melinda, married a Nixon. She was Tom Nixon's Mother.
Another Sister, Caroline, married a Payne. Mose Brandenburg lived with Steed's and attended services.
Wm. Brown, Elizabeth Brown
Katie Brown Bechdolt, Wm. Riley Bechdolt
Marie Bechdolt
Royce Bechdolt—Mary, Rex, Joyce, Wanda, Mona Lou, Nancy, Sharon, Larry, Alta
Lucile Bechdolt
Delee Bechdolt Bush—Joe, Randall, Michael and Kendall
John Payne, Pearl, Vera Payne Nelson, Goldia Payne Johnston
Paul Payne, Marceil
Dale Stephen, Nellie, Floyd, Madonna Stephen Hoagland
Sam Stephen, Cindy
Elmer Hummer, Ellie
Glen Hummer, Nina, Glen Jr., Richard, Dale, Jerry, Kay
Everett Hummer, Bertha, Barbara, Ronnie, Nancy, Diane
Ruth Hummer Rickner, Kenneth, Buddy, Meta
Russell Hotmire, Berniece
Florence Weikle
Mary Wright
Mable Wright
Louis Dietrich, Bea, Larry, Marcia, Mark
Ora Snyder, Myra
Homer Hummer, Juanita

The Church was unorganized throughout the years.

During the year 1954, the group of Christians at Elm moved their membership to the Portland Church of Christ, then meeting at Ship and N. St. Portland, Ind. The building at Elm was sold to Mr. Jack Dilworth, in July of 1957. The building now located at 1209 So. Shank was built during 1956 and 1957. In May 1957 the group worshipping on N. St. moved into the new building on Shank Street.

The services are still patterned after the New Testament Church, of which Christ is the Head.

This information has been compiled by relying upon the memories of many people, who were very kind in their response. Any omissions have been unintentional.

The outstanding fact is their memory of the faithful Christians, their sacrifices, deeds of kindness and zealous efforts to live a Christian life.

Truly the saints who have gone on from Elm Grove, their faithfulness, love, dedication and steadfastness will remain in our memories as long as there is memory. The lives and deeds of these Christians—their influence will continue on and on until the Great Judgement Day!

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15

Submitted by
Lucile Bechdolt

Salamonia United Church of Christ

The church with a small congregation was organized by Rev. John Stuck, according to the constitution of the Reformed Church of the United States and Synod of Ohio, on May 6, 1883. It was known as the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, later named Salamonia in Jay County. It is located at the northern edge of the town.

Services were first held above the store known as the William Beard Store. A Sunday school was organized with William Fickel as the first superintendent and Mrs. Fickel, as song leader and treasurer.

A consistory was elected. On July 5, 1886, they purchased the ground for construction of the present building from Christian and Catherine M. Messner for $125, with the stipulation that the building be free for all funeral services. On Nov. 20, 1888, the present bell was installed and it rings to this day at 9:00 A.M. every Sunday morning.

Other building milestones were reached when in 1926 the

Salamonia United Church of Christ

rear of the building was extended to make room for Sunday school classes and a furnace. In 1950-51, the church was given new siding, new windows, the interior was redecorated and an addition built to the south side to provide classroom facilities and space for fellowship.

The services of worship were enhanced in 1953, when an organ was purchased. In 1962-63, the church was again redecorated and the chancel remodeled. New furnishings included new pews and a spinet piano. Thirty-one pastors have served the Salamonia Church since its organization. At times the church has been a part of parishes that included Boundary, New Pittsburg Reformed, Hill Grove, Ohio, and Fort Recovery churches. At the present time Rev. Kenneth Seiffertt is serving as the pastor of this one church. Membership is at present about 100.

In 1725, a Reformed congregation, adhering to the teachings of Ulrich Zwingli and coming from Germany, settled in Pennsylvania. As the people pushed across the mountains, they established Reformed Churches. A century later, another wave of German migration moved upon America, settling in the Mississippi River Valley. They came from the parts of Germany which were involved in the establishment of the Evangelical Union, a Luthern and Reformed tradition, and became known as the Evangelical Synod of North America. On June 26, 1934, The Reformed Church and the Evangelical Synod merged to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Soon after this, negotiations were opened with the Congregational Christian Churches about a possible merger with that denomination composed of two previously merged bodies of 1931.

After 17 years of planning, Dr. James E. Wagner of the Evangelical Reformed Church and Dr. Fred Hoskins of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, clasped hands on June 25, 1957 and the United Church of Christ became a reality.

Plymouth United Church of Christ

On September 8, 1891, pursuant to an invitation from a Rev. D.A. Holman, the citizens of Dunkirk, ministers and delegates from the Congregational Churches in neighboring towns met with ministers and citizens of Dunkirk who were interested in the organization of a Congregational Church. Rev. E.D. Curtis, Indianapolis, Supt. of Missionary Association of the Congregational Churches presided over the meeting. The following resolution on behalf of the council was offered by Rev. T.R. Quale, minister of the Congregational Church in Marion:

> The council called for the purpose of organizing a Congregational Church in Dunkirk in view of statements made by Rev. D.A. Holman, and in consideration of the future prospect for a great increase of population in Dunkirk, do hereby resolve and commend the Congregational enterprise and recommend it to the suffrages of Christian people of Dunkirk and we will assist in organization if justifiable.

The covenant was read by Rev. Dr. Curtis of Indianapolis and nine people entered into this convenant. (Note: These people would be considered charter members of this church but our records do not list them as such. Records list only seven members, received on Sept. 8, 1891.)

On April 2, 1894, a Rev. Alexander McGregor was called to be the pastor and, during his pastorate, the lot for the church and parsonage was purchased. After his resignation, Rev. William H. Thomas was called by the congregation, and, under his leadership, our present church building was built. Also, under his leadership, the church was incorporated under the name of Plymouth Congregational Church.

The deed for the church building lot was dated Nov. 1, 1895 and was filed Oct. 21, 1896. With great fanfare, the ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone and completion of the building was held April 10, 1896.

At the end of 1986, the records show that the church had a resident membership of eighty persons and that the congregation took formal possession of its New House of Worship, Sunday, Dec. 13, 1896. However, the church was not formally dedicated until April 25, 1897.

Our records show that, under the pastorate of Rev. James G. Fisher, a meeting was called in April of 1914, the church structure was reorganized and, with great success, the church grew rapidly in membership. Charles L. Gaunt was Sunday School Supt., and, under his leadership, the Sunday School grew from 53 members to 133 members.

In 1932, the Congregational Churches merged with the Old Christian Churches, thus changing the name to Plymouth Congregational-Christian Church.

After Rev. Fisher's death, the congregation called Rev. G.L. McClish, April 9, 1932. Rev. McClish served for eight years, the longest period of any of our ministers. The church was very active under his leadership. During his pastorate, the congregation installed a new furnace and a Hammond Electric Organ. New choir robes were purchased, and a new kitchen was built.

Then came the war years, and the church was the victim of unfortunate circumstances, because of ministers and members answering the "call to serve in the armed forces." Forty-five friends and members served during World War II, with five losing their lives. The deceased are: Derious F. Borton Jr., Robert Boze, William Jr. Curts, Harry C. Hatch, and Victor W. Wise.

A number of ministers came during the war to fill the pulpit; most of them were semi-retired, other than the Rev. Clarence Baldwin, who was waiting to be called to be a chaplain in the army.

In 1946, the Rev. Clarence Baldwin and his wife, Margurite, came back to Plymouth to serve the church for four years. The Baldwins were able to reorganize the church and great accomplishments were soon noted. The young people became very active; there were increased numbers in Sunday School, and church services were well attended.

Our church, on Oct. 9, 1957, voted to accept the merger with the Evangelical and Reform Church and to carry the name of Plymouth United Church of Christ.

From 1963 to 1965, extensive remodeling and redecorating was done to the sanctuary, and the east and south entrances were enclosed. The Rev. Wayne Bozell guided us through this project. New pews, carpet, and oak modern-fold doors were purchased. The chancel was rebuilt, and the choir and organ were moved. The priceless stained glass windows were all releaded. All these improvements have added mush to the beauty of our church. Rev. Bozell will be remembered as an excellent pastor and community servant.

Mrs. R.A. Olson (Muriel) came to be our pastor in 1969. She and her husband, Raymond, continued to reside in Muncie, since her husband was on the faculty at Ball State University. They invited outstanding musical talent for our worship services. We will always remember Muriel for teaching us concern for others (stewardship). She witnessed her compassion by doing for those less fortunate (food, shelter, clothing, guidance, and monetary needs).

In 1976, under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Clarence Baldwin (three times our pastor), and a very capable committee, funds were raised to build Plymouth Memorial Hall. The congregation voted in 1977 to build the addition which would provide more classrooms and a room for church and community functions. Families of former members (founders) and many friends made our dream come true. The building was almost paid for by the time it was completed.

The service of dedication for Plymouth Memorial Hall was June 17, 1979. Many dignitaries came to take part in this day of praise and thanksgiving.

At the present time, Rev. Larry Sansoucie is serving as the pastor of Plymouth Church. The church is thriving, and its program remains one of service to the community. The Women's Fellowship is active and a program of Community Concern helps the needy of the area.

The members of the church wish to extend their appreciation to all those ministers who served the church.

Alexander McGregor	April 1894-Oct. 1894
William A. Thomas	Dec. 1894-Aug. 1897
A.O. Penneman	Oct. 1897-Oct. 1899
J.H. Keeling, Jr.	Jan. 1900-April 1901
D.E. Eberhart	April 1901-Mar. 1903
E.S. Chandler	Sept. 1903-1904
T.L. Dyer	Jan 1905-Jan. 1907
F.A. Hassold	Nov. 1907-1911
David E. Todd	May 1911-April 1912
James G. Fisher	June 1914-April 1920
W.R. Pierce	Jan. 1921-Dec. 1931
G.L. McClish	April 1932-Feb. 1940
H. Guy Campbell	Feb. 1940-1942
Milton Wisely	Feb. 1943-1944
A.E. Kemp	Oct. 1944-Feb. 1946
C.W. Baldwin	Mar. 1946-Dec. 1950
John L. Hancock	Dec. 1950-Oct. 1955
Guy Walters	Oct. 1956-Jan. 1959
Ernest Trebor	Feb. 1959-Aug. 1961
Daniel Hall	Aug. 1961-Jan. 1963
Wayne Bozell	April 1963-Mar. 1965
Glen Friar	May 1965-Dec. 1968
Muriel (Mrs. R.A.) Olson	Jan. 1969-Dec. 1975
C.W. Baldwin	Jan. 1976-Mar. 1979
Kathryne (Mrs. Chuck) Scheib	Mar. 1979-Sept. 1979
Larry Sansoucie	Nov. 1979

The Bluff Point Friends Church

The Bluff Point Friends Church is located six miles south of Portland on Highway 27, in the village of Bluff Point, Pike Township, Jay County.

The Friends first held worship services in 1912, and became a Monthly Meeting, under the authority of the Portland Quarterly Meeting of Friends, March 2, 1922.

The church was named after the village of Bluff Point. The first pastor was Levi Cox. It is not known when the meeting house was erected or when it was moved to the present site. Classrooms were added in 1960. The first paid pastor was Simon Moore in 1923. The present pastor is Perry Michael Harris who began his ministery in 1978.

Charter members, and others who participated after the Meeting began were, Cnan and Emma Tharp, Maggie Confer, Otto and Mary Lamborn, George and Osa Lawson, Cornelius and Anna Whitenack, Martin and Amanda Rupe, John and Saran Bisel, Royce and Gertie Furrow, James (JIMMIE) Bisel, Carl and Otie Odle, Henry, John and Julie Ingle and the Carey family.

The present membership averages 42.

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Bluff Point Friends Church

Fiat (Winona) Friends Church

The church and village was called Winona by the old-timers long after Fiat was the official name. Fiat was the name given to the postoffice.

The church is located just immediately west on what is now State Roads 1 and 18. (There were only county roads at that time.) The land was donated by Harrison McClain who owned the farm where it is located.

This is an Orthodox Friends Church and at that time it was part of the Indiana yearly meeting. Just last year (1980) it separated from this and is now independant. It now is part of the Friends Eastern Region in Ohio.

One source said that Mattie Thornton served as the first minister. Another thought it probably was Pastor DeWitt Foster. Both could be right since he was a Circuit Rider and could have served the church as part of his circuit.

Usually they have had a minister of their own but have been closely associated with other nearby churches namely Polingtown, Glenwood, Pennville, Monroe, and (possibly) Olive Branch. Some of these no longer exist. This one is now called Fiat Friends Church. Most people living now are not aware that once the village was called Winona.

Some of the original members were Robb and Lona McClain, Stroud and Effie West, ________ Horn, Bryan Pugh, Sarah Bevelheimer, and Levi and Elizabeth Sulliven.

The church is constructed of wood. It has been added to and redecorated at different times. At one time there were trees all around the church and hitching posts were on the west side. When the C. B. & C. Railroad was in existence it ran north and south on the east side of the church. The brick one-room schoolhouse was on the other side of the railroad.

The latest addition to the church is two rooms connected to the west side. These are used for Sunday School classrooms for the younger children and for social gatherings.

Some of the ministers that have served this church in the past are William Smith, Joshua Stauffer, the above mentioned DeWitt Foster and Mattie Thorton, Charles Carmony, Vernon Reley, Ralph Eastburn, Ray Bouse, Frank Gause, Harrison Kester, Harry Potter, Gene Betts, Walter McAdams, Edwin Tinney and 13 others.

Friends' Meeting

(Society of Friends or Quakers)

Mr. and Mrs. Evan C. Thornton came to Portland in the interest of the Friends' Meeting in January 1880. In 1882 the meeting was organized with a membership of near forty. Arrangements were made to erect a meeting-house. Lot 10, square 8, on East Main Street, was secured at the expense of $500 upon which a brick building 36 x 56 was erected at a cost of $2500.

By October, 1907, the old structure was needing to be remodeled. Dedication for the now remodeled structure was held March 15, 1909. The sum of $5500 was expended in the construction work which now contained a basement 24 x 36. The stone front was added at this time.

In February 1971 the present Christian Education Unit was completed at a cost of $19,380.

The first parsonage, located on the southeast corner of East Main and Orkney Streets, was purchased from Vernon and Clara Foltz on September 6, 1926 for $2,500. In July 1955 it was sold for $7,500. The Dr. John L. Chitwood property, next to the church, was purchased for $9,000.

You are welcome to attend any of the following services.

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Evening Service	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service	7:00 p.m. Thursday
Youth Meeting	2:00 p.m. Saturday

At this writing we have a membership of about sixty. The current pastor is Paul Williamson.

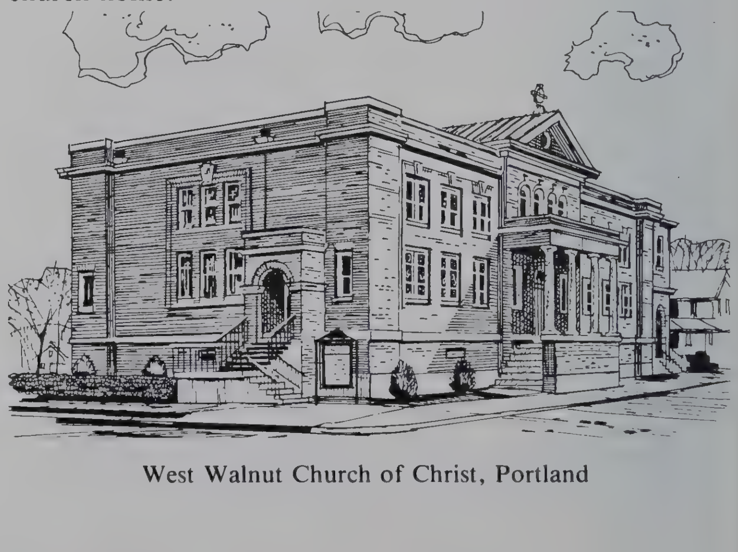
Friend's Meeting, Portland

West Walnut Church of Christ

The congregation was first organized on June 27, 1874 in Willer's Hall (located on the Northeast corner of Main and Meridian Streets) under the preaching of Dr. Shepherd.

The church continued to grow under such preachers as Love E. Jameson, Henry R. Pritchard, and Elders T.S. Shepherd, D.H. Kinsey and Orrin Roll. Because of this growth, a lot was purchased. A new house of worship was built on the southwest corner of West Walnut and Middle Streets. The building was dedicated in the early summer of 1888 and Z.T. Sweeney was the principal speaker. The church continued to grow under the guidance of many spiritual leaders.

In 1912, the growth of the congregation soon outgrew the building and a larger church building became necessary. It was then that the present site was purchased at the corner of W. Walnut and Commerce Streets. Henry H. Webb was called in November 1909 and plans were made for the new church home.



West Walnut Church of Christ, Portland

The new building was dedicated on February 18, 1912 with Rev. George Snively as the principal speaker. Rev. Norman R. Weaver, a son of a former Pastor Marshall R. Weaver, is the present pastor.

St. James Lutheran Church

In 1849, the John Shauver family settled near Salamonia, In. and became the first Lutheran family in the area. The years 1853, 1854 and following brought many German settlers into the area, both of the Reformed and Lutheran faiths. Many of these immigrants moved here from Marion County, Ohio, while others migrated directly from Germany.

The first German minister was brought to Salamonia in 1854 by Daniel Hiester, a Boundary City storekeeper. A minister of the Reformed Church, Rev. Callenflaur conducted services in the Salamonia log schoolhouse every 5 or 6 weeks. A Lutheran Church, known as the Stoltz Church, was established in Noble Township in 1855. The first Lutheran confirmation in the area occurred here in 1856 for 11 children. Though the congregation later disintegrated, pastors from the church occasionally served the Salamonia area.

By 1858, there were enough Lutheran families around Salamonia to begin organizing a church. George Stump presented the Lutherans with a plot of land south of Salamonia, where the church now stands (Rd. 203). A frame church, 26x40 feet was constructed and served until 1895, when the present structure was built. The church contained simple homemade furniture, though the inside finishing featured fine black walnut. The original seats of planks supported by pegs were replaced by open-backed benches in 1862, when the church was dedicated. Prior to the completion of the church, services continued to be held in the homes and barns of members, mainly Frederick Theurer and George Yaeger.

A Lutheran constitution, signed by 22 members, was adopted in 1869, and the congregation became incorporated under Indiana law. The first church officers included Frederick Theurer, George Yaeger, Matthias Theurer, John Fetter, John Shauver, and Peter Pfiefer, who was later succeeded by William Heuss.

Together with Lutherans in Ft. Recovery, Ohio, who had recently organized Trinity Lutheran Church, St. James received its first full-time pastor in June of 1869. Boundary Road (now Rd. 132), connecting Ft. Recovery and Salamonia was little more than a rough trail, so the pastor held services for each congregation on alternate Sundays. Parochial school was also set up for a time in the churches.

In 1893, additional land adjoining the church was purchased for $100 and in 1894 the decision was made to build a new church. The foundation stone and nearly all the wood was donated by the members, as well as much of the labor, including the teaming and excavating. The cornerstone was laid on June 16, 1895 and the building dedicated the following November. The cash cost of the building was over $3300. The old frame church was sold at auction for $8 and served as a paint shop and buggy shed for the Gimble brothers in Salamonia for many years.

Services were all conducted in German until 1898 when English was substituted once a month. The English language was being used twice a month by 1904 and almost exclusively by the early 1920's.

St. James Lutheran Church, Salamonia

A social room and basement were added to the church in 1924, as well as other remodeling. Other extensive renovations were completed in 1948 and 1958 as the congregation prepared for the 90th and 100th anniversary of the church. In 1970, a service was held commemorating the 75th anniversary of the church's dedication.

The pastors serving St. James include Rev. H.M. Kreiter (1869-1870); Rev. C. Benzin (1871-1878); Rev. F.W. Franke (1878-1881); Rev. A.J. Feeger (1882-1886); Rev. George Wolf (1887-1890); Rev. A.A. Dapper (1890-1900); Rev. Wm. Benzin (1900-1904); Rev. Wm. Emch (1904-1921); Rev. D.R. Honn (1921-1945); Rev. Richard Hefner (1945-1949); Rev. Frank Dell (1950-1960); Rev. Paul Young (1961-1966); Rev. Charles Carlson (1966-1969); Rev. Francis Bock (1970-1974); Rev. Donald Pletcher (1974-1981); and Rev. Paul Klopfer, who began serving the parish in December of 1981.

Today, St. James is a member of the American Lutheran Church and has a membership of 85.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

The congregation was organized by Rev. Miles J. Stirewalt, D.D. On June 4, 1889 a temporary mission was organized under the name of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. The first services were held in the old Miller Block. Within the next five months the mission moved to the second floor of the building occupied by the Thompson Secondhand Store.

In 1895 the congregation purchased a lot on East High Street for $575 for the future site of their church home. By that time $2,800 had been subscribed for the building of this structure. In 1896 an attempt was made to build, but internal dissention caused this to fail.

Services were only held occasionally from October 1897 to June 1898, when Clement L.V. Dozer was invited by the Chicago Synod to come to Portland. Services were held on alternate Sundays while efforts were made to revive the scattered and almost abandoned mission.

For a while Pastor Dozer conducted services in various halls in Portland. In September 1898 the members decided to erect a chapel on their East High Street lot. The cornerstone was laid November 3, 1898 and the first service was held January 8th, although the structure was not completed until May 21, 1899. The cost of the building was $1,320 plus 1000 hours of donated labor.

All was in harmony for a little over a year after the church was built, but because the congregation was still divided on some matters and services were held only every other week, the work of the church lagged. Therefore, Pastor Dozer resigned July 7, 1901.

On February 1, 1902 the members voted to discontinue their relationship with the Chicago Synod and joined the Northern Indiana Synod.

The next forty-seven years spanned two world wars and the Great Depression, and Zion's membership grew slowly. During the pastorate of Rev. Henry O. Yoder (1927-1932) important improvements were made on the church building. His successor, Rev. Herbert T. Neve (1932-1941), witnessed the congregation's efforts to reduce the mortgage indebtedness.

Pastor William H. Knoderer served the parish from 1950-1953 and Harold L. Anderson from 1954-1959. In 1952 the congregation dedicated a new 50x60 foot parish hall. In 1957 Zion acquired a $14,000 lot near its church building for future expansion. By 1960 the congregation had reached a baptized membership of 402.

In 1960 Rev. Richard T. Kraus moved into a parsonage near the church, which had been purchased for $22,500 and remodeled at a cost of $1500. On May 13, 1962 ground was broken for a $227,000 house of worship and the cornerstone was laid September 16, 1962. The next month Zion purchased the property between the church and the parsonage. The new church was dedicated November 24, 1963.

The Pastors who have served Zion are Pastors Stirewalt, House, Swickard, Dozer, Smith, Burger, Summers, Kleckner, Dietsch, Westenbarger, Yoder, Neve, Davis, Knoderer, Anderson, Kraus, Andrews, and at this writing Mark Strietelmeier.

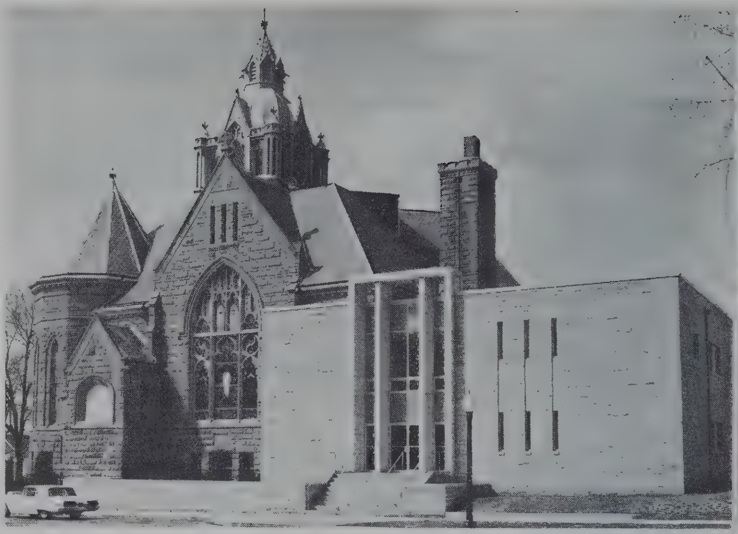
Asbury Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church originated on the campus of Oxford University Oxfordshire, England. A group of students seeking to make religion a vital personal experience with social relevancy formed a disciplined fellowship to accomplish these goals. Under the leadership of John and Charles Wesley this dedicated group grew rapidly in numbers and outreach. Today, United Methodism numbers 11 million in her membership and stands among other denominations as a responsible representative of the whole ecumenical Church of Jesus Christ.

Asbury Methodist Church originated with the appointment of the Rev. M. Hank to "gather into societies Methodists who have settled in Jay County". By the Indiana Conference, this group was named The Portland Mission 1838, and in 1839 became the Portland Circuit.

In 1841 The Portland Circuit was extended to cover twenty-one preaching places; bound on the East by Ohio, on the West by Camden (Pennville), on the North by the Wabash, and on the South by Deerfield.

In the very early 60's, the Portland Church worshiped in a small frame building located on the corner of Main and Harrison Streets. A new building with seating capasity of over 600 was dedicated in 1874; located on the lot East of the present building, at a cost of $2,800.



Asbury Methodist Church, Portland

In 1897, the membership stood at 380 and topped all churches in the North Indiana Conference in giving to Missions. During that year plans for a new building got under way with the Sunday School subscribing $1,500 and the Epworth League subscribing $750, while the Ladies Aid subscribed $1,000. The Pastor's salary was raised to $1,200. An architect was engaged and a contractor was hired.

In 1898 the old building was sold to the contractor for $350. Demolition began on June 25. The parsonage was moved to the east, making room on the corner or Arch and Harrison Streets for the imposing new building. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on July 8 and the cornerstone was laid August 13th.

In 1899 the basement was completed and the congregation received permission to use it for services; the cost? $1.00. The Epworth League held the first service on Friday evening June 16. On Sunday June 18 "the people with great rejoicing entered the portals of the new and Beautiful Zion."

In 1900, indebtedness increased and work was halted for lack of funds. Friction appeared within the board concerning the return of the Minister.

In 1901-1902 work continued slowly. Time was required for the timbers to cure. Plastering required the whole summer.

In 1903, the Minister returned for the seventh year (a record). On October 25, the new Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated. A $15,000 debt remained on the church. Contributions were started at $1,000 and were "finally reduced to the level of basket contributions of $1.00." The collection resulted in a sum of more than $17,661.

The circular classroom was added to the northwest side of the building by Class Number One, at a cost of $3,000. thus bringing to completion the Church as we know it today.

In 1961, it was determined that our Church School growth was over taxing our facilities, and we needed expansion to cope with the same. The cornerstone was laid with considerable ceremony for a new educational unit. This building also contains the Pastor's study and a lovely new chapel seating about forty persons. The building was consecrated the following year. Since that time, the ladies parlor, and the basement has been completely renovated, until now, the Church home is one of the finest in the North

Central Conference.

The present Pastor is Darrell F. Taggart, with Pastor Larry Lynch, Associate.

Bellefountain Methodist Church

The Bellefountain Class was organized about 1841 at Bellefountain, near the center of Noble Township, Jay County, by Rev. Frederick B. Hendrix, pastor of Wabash Circuit, Miami Conference. It is the oldest United Brethren Church in Jay County.

Charter members were Jonas Hartzell Sr., Mary Hartzell, William Hartzell, Lucinda Hartzell, Wilbur Morehous, Susan A. Morehous, Thomas Wheat, Samuel Huey, Rachel Huey, Reuben Campbell, Mary Campbell, Thomas Campbell, Jacob Jones, Sarah Jones, Jordan Denney, Nancy Denney, Garrett S. Gibbons, William Valentine, Hilda Vallentine, Jonas Harter, Jane Harter, Joseph Gillett and Mary Gillett.

The first frame church was built in 1849 on the present site of the Bellefountain Church, under the pastorate of Rev. H.S. Thomas, and trustees were Jonas J. Hartzell, Wilbur Morehous and Samuel Huey.

The present frame church was erected in 1871 under the pastorate of Rev. J. Hiestand. The trustees were John P. Hearn, John A. Morehous and John R. Hartzell. Those on the building committee were Wilbur Morehous, James Longwith and William Bushong. George Trace was contracted to build the church. The Bellefountain Church was dedicated to the worship of God on November 5, 1871. The cost of the structure was $1800.

The Bellefountain Church was remodeled in 1901 under the direction of Rev. Allie Sipe with James Longwith, William Brumn and Ross Wiliamson from The Board of Trustees. The furnace and electric light plant was installed about 1918, at which time Rev. F.T. Atkinson was pastor and the trustees were Ross Williamson, William Brumn and Joseph T. Brewington.

Bellfountain Methodist Church

In 1946 there was a merger of the Evangelical and the United Brethren Churches, then we became Bellefountain E.U.B.

Under the ministry of Rev. Donald Cutts (1955-1961), tentative plans were made to construct an educational unit at the west end of the church. The two-story structure, consisting of a basement and classrooms on the ground floor, was dedicated on July 29, 1962 with the Rev. Paul A. Hurst leading the worship service. The trustees were Hascal Corle, Bob Davis, Ben Miller, Andrew Schemenaur, Sr., and Gerald Landon.

For many years the Bellefountain Church was a part of the Otterbein Circuit together with Jay City and Westchester E.U.B. Churches. This Circuit was dissolved by the Annual Conference in 1962. The Bellefountain Church was made a part of the East Portland Circuit along with Pleasant Hill E.U.B. and the Fairview E.U.B. Churches.

There was another merger in 1968 when the E.U.B. Churches joined with the Methodist Churches.

The present trustees are: Ben Miller, Ernest Bash, Hascal Corle, Andrew Schemenaur Sr., Gerald Flory and Roger Osborne. The pastors are Rev. Ron and Marilyn Haun.

Blaine Methodist Church

Jacob Starr and Jephia Bryan built a log church in the hamlet of Blaine in Green Twp., Jay Co., in 1848. It claimed to be the first Methodist Church in Jay Co.

In 1872 a wood frame church, 32x40 feet with a seating capacity of 300, was built ½ mile north of Blaine on the present County Road 120. Charles Hart, Mathia Spahr, J.O. Spahr and Jacob Starr were The Board of Trustees. The Spahrs were the great-grandparents of O.L. Spahr, and Jacob Starr was the great-grandfather of Bud Merritt Starr. The pastor was J.W. McDaniel.

The present brick church was built in 1911. The trustees were M.H. Spahr, President; S.E. Hudson, Secretary; J.L. Resur, Treasurer; James Dunmayer and S.F. Premer. Mr. Resur was the father of Anna Spahr Ashley, Portland.

The building cost $10,000. The basement was dug by hand and with horse drawn slip scoops.

The Ladies Aid Society raised $300 to buy the art glass window on the north side of the church. All the art glass windows are presently valued in excess of $30,000.

Dedication in 1912

The Bryant Wesleyan Church

The Bryant Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized under the labor of the Rev. R.M.S. Hutchens in October 1884, following a tent meeting held by the Rev. Hutchens and his sister, Clara Tear. The church was connected at the time of organization with what was then known as the Camden Mission, later known as the Pleasant Grove Church, which was located in the Kitt community at the corner of County Roads 60 and 105, about seven miles southwest of Bryant. These two churches comprised the Bryant Circuit. The Portland Wesleyan Methodist Church was added to the Circuit in the year 1900 while Rev. J.J. Coleman was pastor of the Bryant Circuit.

The following persons comprised the charter members in the organization of the Bryant Church: Sarah E. Worth, Susan Miles, Lovina Cain, Anna (Cain) Crowell, Mary (Cain) McMichael and John C. Bailey.

Soon after the organization and during the pastorate of Rev. Hutchens, a frame schoolhouse was purchased at the west edge of Bryant on the north side of Main Street and converted into a church, which was used until the year 1895. The church outgrew this structure, and a new church was built.

John C. Bailey owned a woods just west of the town limits. The men of the church and community cut timber from this woods and hauled the logs to the mill to have them sawed into lumber for the frame of the church, parsonage and barn, which was built during Rev. L.H. Carter's first pastorate in Bryant. This church building is the older part of the present structure. The parsonage and barn were located in the east part of town on the southeast corner of Main and Malin Streets. The Pleasant Grove Church also was built during this period.

During Rev. Glen Payne's pastorate at Bryant (1928-1931), a lot containing a house and barn was purchased for a parsonage. This was located on West Wilson Street near the west edge of town. This served as a parsonage until 1975.

During Rev. Charles Porter's Ministry (1939-1944), Bryant was removed from the Circuit; Portland had been removed several years previously.

A growing need developed over the years for classrooms and more adequate facilities. During the pastorate of Rev. Carl Brookshire, a new sanctuary was constructed, joining the old building on the south. The old and remodeled structures also provided a nursery, restrooms and classrooms. This addition was dedicated November 8, 1964. Three years later, on Homecoming Sunday, October 1967, the church celebrated the final paying off of the indebtedness of the new addition.

Another milestone was observed during the Homecoming service in 1968 when a new Gulbranson organ was dedicated with a note burning ceremony marking the liquidation of the debt on the organ.

On July 4, 1974, Rev. and Mrs. Harry Moeller and their daughter, Lois, moved to Bryant. After several months of discussions and planning, the congregation decided to build a new parsonage with the building starting in November, 1974. It was built with a full basement to be used as a Fellowship Hall. The structure was completed in April, 1975, and the Moeller family moved in. Five years after the start of construction, the indebtedness on the new edifice was paid in full. This new building was built on a 2-acre lot just south of the church.

Soon after the erection of the new sanctuary, the name of the church was changed to the Bryant Wesleyan Church with the word Methodist deleted. This was due to the general church organization of the Wesleyan Methodist denomination uniting with the Pilgrim Holiness denomination and a Baptist group out of Canada.

The pastors that have served the church and the length of their terms of services are as follows: R.M.S. Hutchens, 1 year; J.C. Barnam, 1 year; Rev. Godwin, 2 years; C.S. Smith, 3 years; D. Gordon, 1 year, 9 months; L.H. Carter and Mattie Moore, 3 months; L.H. Carter, 4 years; H.K. Akright, 2 years; Francis R. Eddy, 2 years; Wesley W. McMichael, 3 years; Thomas Bodenhorn, 3 years; A.A. Foshee, 2 years; Harry W. Kerchival, 3 years; Eugene E. Hunter, 4 years; J.W. Drake, 2 years; Glen Payne, 3 years; Alvin C. Beyler, 3 years; Glen Appleman, 2 years; Dempsey Howard, 1 year, 4 months; N.R. Briles, 1 year, 8 months; Charles N. Porter, 5 years; Orval Bardsley, 4 years; Edward Smithee, 4 years; Donald Heer, 6 years; Charles Cecil, 2

Bryant Wesleyan Church

years; Carl Brookshire, 4 years, 10 months; John Hall, 2 years; Floyd Metz, 7 years; Harry Moeller, 1974-1977; Larry Erlandson, 1977 to 1979; and John A. Hand, 1979-?.

Macklin United Methodist Church

On July 27, 1850, a small group of pioneers, who had settled in the northeast corner of Bearcreek Township (Jay county), saw a dream come true. After meeting for several months in various family log cabins, a tract of land was deeded by Jacob and Elizabeth Macklin (now a part of the Wayne Stolz farm) to the Methodist Protestant Church for the construction of a log church. The church was finished in the fall of that year, and the people first worshipped in their church they named Pleasant Grove.

But, peace was not to prevail and when the issue of slavery became a national schism, which resulted in the Civil War, the local church found themselves equally divided. In about 1858-9, a splinter group separated themselves from Pleasant Grove and organized their own church, The Reformed Methodist Protestant Church, and met in the various homes in the community.

But, following the Civil War, peace finally came to the local community and George Macklin (son of the original donors) and his wife Primrose, deeded the land where the present Church now stands. Work began on October 26, 1874 and in December, 1875, the present church was dedicated.

In 1938, a fire nearly destroyed the church. But the main part of the church was saved. After much prayer, work began to rebuild the church. It was enlarged and a basement was added so that when the Centennial Celebration was held on September 17, 1950 the church was rightfully proud of the east and west wings that had been built.

Then, as growth came, and as a need was seen for modernizing the church, rest rooms, a nursery, and a pastor's study were added in 1957. Still not satisifed, the "new" pioneers set out to redecorate the sanctuary and on Easter Morning, 1966, the people rededicated their completely redecorated sanctuary. Still not satisfied, in 1967, a new, fully modern, parsonage was built and dedicated to the Lord.

The Church, organized originally as the Pleasant Grove Methodist Protestant Church, has been through two denominational mergers. In 1939, with the merger of the three main bodies of Methodism in the United States, the name Protestant was removed from the official name. Then, in 1968, with the merger with the Evangelical United Brethern Church, the name was completely changed. For years, in fact, almost from the beginning, the unofficial name was always the Macklin Church. So, in 1968, with the merger, the name was officially changed to the Macklin United Methodist Church.

The spiritual aspect of the church is best shown by her fruits. At least six men have left the Macklin Church for service in the ministry of the Lord. The Reverends E.F. Iliff, Geiberson Smith (he died at the age of 102), James L. Smith (who died in 1952 at the age of 99), Bert Macklin (now retired and living in New York), Thoburn Anderson (living in Chicago), and Garth Shepherd (serving the Winchester United Methodist Church).

The Church has really been blessed by some deeply spiritual men who have served as pastors. The present pastor is the Rev. Paul J. Wohlford who came to the Bryant Area in 1971. He also preaches in the Bryant and New Corydon United Methodist Churches, and serves as the coordinator of the Jay Rural Area Ministries, consisting of ten rural United Methodist Churches in Jay County, which includes Macklin.

Macklin United Methodist Church

May the Lord bless the labors of the Macklin congregation and May His name be praised for ever more.

Rev. Wohlford was called to another congregation and Rev. Ron Greiner came to finish that year and stayed one year longer. Then, Rev. David Lowe served the Macklin Church two years. Now, Rev. Garth Shepherd, a retired minister who received his call at the Macklin Church forty years ago, is serving the church now (1982).

Main Street Methodist Church

Methodism arrived in this locality, which was to become Jay County, in 1831. Robert Burns was sent here as a missionary and he preached the first sermon in Jay County. In the fall of 1836, the Indiana Conference sent Wade Posey to the Mississinewa Mission. He organized the Bethel Church. Meetings had been held in homes of that Community for two years.

In the Autum of 1837, the family of Jacob Erving was being guided through the wilderness by Elijah Harbour, an old pioneer. A few years before he had come to this territory, and built a cabin on the north side of the Mississinawa River on the old Indian Trail known as the Mississinawa Trail. In the spring of 1837, the men of the Erving family came to Indiana to buy land that was selling for $1.25 an acre. From Greenville they followed the Connor Trace to Deerfield then west on the Indian Trail to Elizah Harbour's Cabin Houses. He guided the men thru the woods and showed them unsold lands. Mr. Jacob Erving chose 400 acres 1 mile south of Redkey.

The men returned to Greene Co., Ohio and prepared to bring the family to the wilderness home in the fall of 1837.

James Erving built his cabin on the southwest corner of the intersection, one mile south of Redkey. His father, Jacob Erving, sold the ground to him.

About three quarters a mile south of Redkey, a little stream crosses St. Rd. 1. It flows in a westerly direction for three quarters a mile and flows into Halfway Creek. Jacob Erving built a cabin on this farm. On the Western part of this farm extending north and south between Halfway and this small tributary, there was a somewhat prominent ridge of land. This is the site of the Erving cabin. It is just 40 rods north of the east and west rod and 120 rods west of State Road 1. This little home in the wilderness was called Pleasant Hill Home.

In the fall of 1837, George W. Bowers was sent by the Indiana Conference to the Mississinewa Mission. In that year the Redkey church had its beginning in the Erving home. Mr. Bowers had a circuit of 250 miles and one of the places he held services was the Erving Home.

In 1841 there was a new circuit organized and Granville, then the most flourishing town on the Mississinewa, was made the head of the Circuit. The Pleasant Hill Church continued to hold its meetings in barns and cabins. In 1849 a new schoolhouse was built on the lot where the later High School was built on Ash Street. Methodists immediately began to hold services in this schoolhouse and continued for eleven years. After the little town of Mount Vernon was laid out, the Pleasant Hill Church became the Mount Vernon Class.

In April of 1869, the present church lots were purchased. Bricks were made and burned on the grounds, and a building 36 by 52 was erected at the cost of $3500. The building was dedicated early in 1870 by the Rev. N.H. Phillips. Long-term subscriptions were made to pay for the building. The membership at this time was 50.

In 1895, the Rev. Cyrus W. Lynch came to Redkey and remained five years. He at once began preparations for building a new church. The old one was torn down and the usable materials were used in a building 72 by 85. It is an L shaped building with a stately tower. It has a well arranged gallery with classrooms underneath. Carpet was put on the floor and the building was heated with natural gas heat. A pipe organ was installed at a cost of $1000.

On Feb. 23, 1896, just six months after the corner stone had been laid, the church was dedicated by the Rev. Charles H. Payne, D.D.L.L.D., of New York City.

In later years the basement was excavated. In 1916 electricity was added and new carpet laid.

In approximately 1939, the huge old chandelier that hung in the middle of the sanctuary was replaced by new lights. The brass was melted down and formed into the candelabra for the Communion table and the cross that hangs at the front of the church.

Over the last twenty years the exterior was sand blasted and a new roof was installed. A parking lot was made north of the church and paved in 1978. New steps and railings made in 1980-81.

New choir robes were obtained in 1980. New carpet and the altar was changed. Renovation of the basement and kitchen was completed in 1981.

This stately old church is one of the oldest in Jay Co.

The most recent ministers are:

1. Rev. & Mrs. E.L. Jones - 1936
2. Rev. & Mrs. Thurma Morris - 1937-1941
3. Rev. & Mrs. Stanley McKer - 1942-1944
4. Rev. & Mrs. Robert Burns - 1945-1946
5. Rev. & Mrs. Clarence Cook - 1947-1951
6. Rev. & Mrs. Lester Sommers - 1951-1956
7. Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Eller - 1957
8. Rev. & Mrs. Charles Clifton - 1958-1961
9. Rev. & Mrs. Leon Lecoax - 1961-1964
10. Rev. & Mrs. Charles Fields - 1964-1968
11. Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Vandergrift - 1968 - 1971
12. Rev. & Mrs. Neal Butcher - 1971-1976
13. Rev. & Mrs. Lewis Hathaway - 1976-1979
14. Rev. & Mrs. James Sisk - 1980-1981
15. Rev. & Mrs. Steve Haiflich - 1981
are presently pastoring the parish.

Mt. Zion Church

The Mount Zion United Methodist Church of the Portland Northeast Circuit, located at the intersection of Jay County Roads 80 and 203, was organized as an Evangelical Church in 1852 at the home of Sebastian Haley of Noble Township.

A Nicolai and Frederick Schumerman of Saint Marys (Ohio) Circuit conducted the organizational meeting at the Haley home. Charter members were Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Houdeschell, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ferner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wertz, and Catherine Young. The congregation held church services in homes of the members until 1855 when they build a small log church about twenty or twenty-five square. The church would seat about a hundred people. The log church stood a little south and west of the present church. It was dedicated as the Zion or Mount Zion Church of the Evangelical Association by G.G. Platz, presiding elder. The pews were homemade. For literature they used the Bible and hymn books.

From 1852 to 1861 the church was served by Saint Marys pastors. In 1861-1863 the church belonged to the Newville Circuit. This church was assigned to the Mississinewa Circuit from 1863-1866. From 1866-1881 the church was a part of the Greenville Circuit.

In 1881 a brick church (30 by 50 feet) was constructed under the direction of Rev. D.J. Pontius at a cost of $1800 plus donated labor. The brick church (present day church) was dedicated by William Yost of Cleveland, Ohio on Dec. 11, 1881. The bricks for the building were burned by Fred Haley at Abe Bergman's (a farm in Noble Township, Jay County, located just east of the large curve on present day State Road 26). The church yard was enlarged by purchasing land from Christian Young. The trustees in 1881 were George W. Haley, A. Gegenheimer, and Fred Brumm.

The church became a part of the Portland Circuit in 1911. In 1946, Mount Zion became an Evangelical United Brethren Church following a merger of the two denominations.

On Sept. 7, 1952 a centennial celebration was held at the church. Guest speakers were Rev. Reuben Mueller (later a bishop of the church) Rev. C.W. Walmer, and Rev. Hugh Cobb. A basket dinner was served at the noon hour in a large tent that was erected north of the church for the day. A large crowd attended the all day services.

The Mount Zion Church recommended two young men for the ministry. They were Eugene C. Kunce in 1921 and Russel L. Haley in 1922. Rev. Kunce is retired and lives in Illinois. Rev. Haley is deceased.

In 1958 the congregation decided to remodel the church

Mount Zion United Methodist Church

building. The floor was removed and a basement was added. Large cement pillars were placed underneath the brick walls. A new hardwood floor, altar rail, woodwork, light fixtures, and wallpaper were added during the remodeling project. The projects cost $4,000.00 plus donated labor Since then a furnace, a well and water system, restrooms, and a kitchen have been added.

Since 1966 Mt. Zion has been a two point charge with Westchester. In 1968 it became a part of the United Methodist Church. Today Gerald Dickson is superintendent of the Sunday School. Rev. Roy Lee is pastor. Worship service is at 9:30 A.M. every Sunday. Sunday School follows at 10:30 A.M. The Bible Study and Prayer Group meet on alternate Wednesday evenings.

New Corydon United Methodist Church

In 1850, a small group of Methodists gathered together each Sunday at the home of one of the group to worship. For three years they held their services at home and were served by the old Circuit Riders. One of the first regular pastors during this period was Reverend William Pentzer.

The group decided they wanted a house of worship and on May 1, 1854 they organized and elected three trustees. Theophilus Wilson and her sister, Lydia Wilson, members of the original group, deeded the tract of land where the church now stands to the trustees for the sum of $50, which was the amount the two sisters pledged to the building fund.

Others contributed their time and talents as carpenters for the building, as much of the work on the original structure was done by members of the congregation. The supporting frames for the church are the same hand-hewn timbers erected more than a century by those volunteer carpenters. Within, the seats were handmade from solid walnut.

Several years passed before a belfry was built, but the church bell was mounted on a pole derrick in the front yard. In those days the janitor went outside to ring the bell. Later the belfry tower was built and the bell was taken from the yard and mounted inside the belfry chamber.

In 1907, while the church was under the ministry of D.A.J. Brown, the congregation decided to rebuild. The church was completely overhauled with the exception of the original framing timbers. They made it a one entrance building by closing off a second entrance in the original structure. Again in 1949, the congregation improved and redecorated inside and out.

The church has been served by 83 pastors. For the first 25 years it was in the New Corydon Circuit, 1875 to 1896; in the Geneva Circuit, 1896 to 1904; in the Ceylon Circuit, 1904 to 1968; in the Geneva Circuit, and 1968 to the present time on the Bryant Circuit.

In 1957-58, a full basement was added with provisions for Sunday School classes and dinners. New, lighter colored pews and pulpit were bought in 1968 from the old Union Chapel Church in Adams County. In 1970-71 the church was painted inside. New drapes, carpeting, lights, and ceiling tile were added.

In 1980-81, a new addition was added on to the west side of the church. It consists of restrooms and a nursery. Various church goers helped build the addition under the supervision of a local carpenter.

The church's oldest member is Minnie Wagner. She is presently living at Swiss Village in Berne, Indiana. On February 23, 1982 Minnie will be 102 years old.

With the improvements, the New Corydon United Methodist Church stands as an inspirational lighthouse in the first settlement of Jay County.

Oak Grove United Methodist Church

The past one hundred years have witnessed many changes in the life of the Oak Grove congregation. It has been under the leadership of fifty-four ministers and is presently in its third building, the first two being destroyed by fire. Within the congregation there has always been a strong sense of God's abundant provision and a willingness to walk with Him each day at a time.

On July 25, 1874, Caleb Winget, Mrs. Minerva Sphar's father, gave one-half acre of land to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Oak Grove.

The first church was a frame building thirty-two feet by forty-two feet. It was built upon the lot donated by Caleb Winget and dedicated by the first minister, Rev. A.J. Hill. On January 17, 1887 the building burned to the ground after serving as a place of worship for thirteen years.

Immediately the trustees and congregation responded to the need for another building. Leonard Esterline, David G. Smith, Jacob Gaunt, Caleb Winget, and George Horn (trustees at the time), let out a contract for the erection of a new building in the amount of $990.00.

Rev. Chaney Pyle, of Redkey Christian Church, built this wood frame structure which was dedicated on July 17, 1887. Rev. Pyle did not believe in having an altar, so none was erected at the time of the dedication. However, later James Current (Edith Hencraft's grandfather) and Alex McFarland built an altar to the church.

In 1909, the church was being remodeled, when a fire started at night on October 14th and the building was completely destroyed after having stood for twenty-two years.

The present sanctuary was constructed in 1910. It was designed after the United Chapel Church which stands southwest of Dunkirk. The trustees at the time of construction of this building were: L.C. Horn, J.F. Sphar, T.F. Zigler, J.F. Hartman, and E. King. The pastor E.M. Dunbar.

The dedication took place on October 16, 1910. Rev. Edwards from the Redkey Methodist Episcopal Church gave the address for the laying of the cornerstone. There were three services held with the choir having a big part in this.

The present sanctuary once caught fire, but the janitor, Theodore Zigler, discovered it. He kicked a hole through the wall and with a bucket of water, and an answered prayer, the fire was extinguished.

In 1917, Minerva and Finley Spahr gave the additional ground in memory of their daughter, Elsie. Their desire was that it might be used for a park. Since then, it has been planted with shrubs and provides playground areas. In 1971 the educational unit was added to the sanctuary. A consecration service was held November 7, 1971. In 1972 this sanctuary was enlarged by including the old classrooms. Extensive redecoration and a complete recarpeting was done.

For many years the church was heated by coal furnace, and lighted by a carbide plant which was used into the 1930's when electric lights were installed. The coal furnace was replaced with an oil furnace.

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Oakland Church

Oakland Methodist Episcopal Church is situated in an oak grove, for which it was named, seven miles west of Bryant on State Road 18.

This church was dedicated in autumn of 1881. The largest gift came from Mary Hoskins, and she requested it be used by the United Brethern denomination as long as they had a class membership, and when they no longer had a class, it was to go to the Methodists. It was to be turned over to them in late 1903 or 1904.

For the dedication, Nellie Place, later Chandler, from Pennville, then Camden, played the organ that was brought in and it was believed to have belonged to Aaron Letts, Jr. A group of singers came from Geneva for the service.

The first structure at this place was a frame schoolhouse. For several years Sunday School was held in the schoolhouse. Services were conducted by Frank Stout. There was no piano or organ, so Mr. Stout and his wife led song services. The first revival services were conducted by Rev. Jacob Macklin and Rev. William Smith. Mary Hoskins, grandmother of Rev. James Hoskins or Portland, was the first and largest contributor toward the building of the present church. The grandfather, Ebenezer Chamness, gave the land upon which the church stands.

A United Brethern Class was started there by Rev. Johnson who held the first revival at this place. Rev. James Williams and Rev. Joseph P. Chamness were sent from this place to prepare for the ministry while the United Brethern people held there classes at this place. Rev. Chamness later joined with the M.E. Church while Rev. Williams remained with the U.B. Church up until the time of his death Nov. 2, 1933. Rev. Chamness retired and lived in Muncie at the time of his death Feb. 17, 1933.

The organ was purchased about 1894. Bertha (Strait) Rupel was organist. In 1897, Mr. Merriman from Bluffton taught a singing school. He came one night a week for six weeks and then had a program.

In June of 1903, it had been newly papered, the outside painted and a bell added by donations. It rang for the Children's Day Services, the third Sunday night. The first Sunday afternoon and evening in August, the Jackson Township Sunday School Convention was held. On Sept. 4, 1903, the bell tolled for its first funeral, William H. Letts.

On Sept. 18, 1949, at 3:00 P.M., the scene for its first wedding, (Mildred M. Beard to Wilbert Ray Smith) was held. Rev. Laura Milligan was the minister and Mrs. George Montgomery, the pianist. At this time Issac Reichard was custodian. Later Shirley Weaver and Jack Blowers were married in this church.

On Aug. 20, 1956, the first double funeral (A.W. Haffner and his son, Richie) was held.

The old school house was replaced by a brick structure which has been abandoned and sold to a private owner.

On May 15, 1963, the district superintendent of the Methodist Church ordered it closed May 31, 1963. It was then bought by a group and known as the Oakland Mission.

On Oct. 15, 1970 it was bought by Floyd Nevil who wished to build it up in attendance. Harry Haffner, president, and Irma Williams, secretary, signed the deed.

It has now been converted to a home. The building log on the church said E. Chamness was paid $25 for the land.

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Pennville Methodist Church

The history of the Pennville Methodist Church (now the Pennville United Methodist Church) started in the years Pennville was called Camden. It is a fabric from two main materials; facts and memories. Facts provide the framework of the material while memories add color, weave the design and make the material different and more interesting than all others.

In 1836 Henry and Arthur Bradley, came to Camden and preached the doctrine to a mere handful of listeners. Services at first were held at the homes of various members and in an old log schoolhouse as time and occasion justified. The first meeting held in Camden was in the home of James Coulson. For a few years the services were held in the homes with a circuit rider coming occasionally to conduct special services.

The first house of worship was made of logs and stood in the southeast part of town. It was near the junction of Broadway and Harrison Streets. From 1847 to 1855 Camden was part of the Portland Circuit. In 1855 it became known as the Camden Circuit. It changed to the Pennville Circuit in 1879.

The second house of worship dedicated February 23, 1858 was a white frame structure 32 feet wide and 50 feet long. It was on the southeast corner of Union and Main Street. Membership increased to two hundred. The church had a picturesque setting with its green lawn and tall evergreen trees. (This now the corner where the Masonic and Odd Fellow Halls now stand.) From the belfry came the mellow tones of the bell calling its members to worhsip. This bell is still in use in the present church.

When they were evicted from this corner, they moved across the street north to where the former Shell station stood until recently.

The third church was erected on the site of the present church (W. Main). From a newspaper clipping—"The building is a solid, substantial structure of stone and brick and is roofed with slate and heated by furnaces in the basement. There is an auditorium 36x66 feet with class rooms on each side. There is a choir room with two private rooms adjoining; a pastor's room and a gallery. The entire seating capacity was 1,000, being the largest church auditorium in the county. A neat parsonage stands on the same lot."

However, it wasn't long before trouble began. How soon it is not now known. It has been stated that trouble was encountered during the construction of the church since quicksand interfered with the drainage system to the river and permitted water to collect in the basement. Evidentally even with this drainage problem the church building existed for many years. (Perhaps because money was not available for a change). This quicksand caused damage to the foundation, which in turn affected the whole structure of the first church built on the present site of Union and Meridian Streets.

The present church is constructed of brick. It was dedicated in 1917. Its seating capacity is 400. It was considered modernistic in design when it was built. The art glass windows, dedicated to deceased members are especially beautiful. The structure has remained the same on the outside but inside several changes have been made. A choir loft and a part of the original balcony were removed. The old pipe organ was removed and replaced with an electric organ. The church has new pews, new carpets and a newly decorated entrace.

In 1968 the name of the church was changed to United Methodist when the Methodists and United Brethern demoninations combined.

The Wesleyan Church
Portland, Indiana

About 90 years ago, in the early 1890's, Mrs. Ben Fulton and Mrs. Jason Hanlee began holding Sunday School in a four-room dwelling on North Creager Avenue in Portland. This continued for approximately four years until they moved to 1401 North Meridian Street, the present site of the Wesleyan Church.

The building, they then occupied, had been moved in by horse and windlass by Oliver Osenbaugh and his son, John, from the glass factory north of town. Being a metal structure, it was known by many as the "ironclad".

The metal building was replaced by a frame building, titled by many, "Kidder's Chapel", after a Mr. Kidder who donated the lot for the church site.

Affiliation with the Wesleyan Methodists came in November 1899, when Rev. Aaron Worth and Rev. J.J. Coleman, then pastor of the Bryant Church, began a five week revival at Kidder Chapel which resulted in the salvation of many souls. On March 25, 1900, a meeting was called for the organization of a Wesleyan Methodist Church. Rev. Coleman organized the church and it was placed on the circuit he pastored, with Bryant and Pleasant Grove.

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The Wesleyan Church, Portland

In 1920, through the efforts of Mrs. Jennie Odle, the church was made a separate charge.

On February 7, 1947, the church and parsonage were destroyed by fire. Construction began on the present building in August 1947. The present church was dedicated on June 13, 1948.

In 1960, the lots to the south of the church were purchased and made into a parking lot.

In 1968, the Wesleyan Methodist denomination and the Pilgrim Holiness denomination merged. The new denomination was named, The Wesleyan Church.

In 1971, the church was remodeled by adding classrooms, restrooms, and a new entrance on the back.

Pastors who have served the church were:

Rev. J.J. Coleman
Rev. D.F. Gordon
Rev. L.H. Carter
Rev. H. and Josephine Akright
Rev. F.R. Eddy
Rev. W.W. McMichael
Rev. T.M. and Aurie Bodenhorn
Rev. A.P. Fooshee
Rev. H.W. Kercheval
Rev. Eugene Hunter
Rev. L.C. Tyndall
Rev. Grant Whitenack
Rev. Sadie Betts
Rev. Lyman and Ann Gerberich
Rev. Virgil Miller
Rev. Gilbert and Rachel Baker
Rev. Paul Eger
Rev. L.S. Cherryholmes
Rev. Harry Reed
Rev. Norman Keen
Rev. W. Scott Lockard
Present Pastor-Rev. Walter Gonser, Jr.

The Wesleyan Church of Portland is a member of the Indiana North District of The Wesleyan Church, which includes 74 churches and maintains a twenty acre camp and conference grounds at Fairmount, Indiana, along Highway 26.

Dunkirk Church of the Nazarene

Dunkirk Church of The Nazarene

The Church of The Nazarene had its beginning in a tent sixty years ago. After the tent meeting closed there were nine members. They bought an old creamery building on East Center Street. This was the first church and Reverend Larne Pendry, was the first pastor.

Of the nine charter members, only one, Mrs. Gladys Stephenson, is still living. She attends church regularily at the age of 89. There are now 75 members and a Sunday School enrollment of 139.

On the building were five rooms which the pastor used for a parsonage. Coal stoves were the source of heat.

After a time the building was renovated, a basement was added and a coal furnace was installed. A parsonage was bought on East Commerce Street to allow for expansion in our ever growing church.

In 1975 Rev. Burt Taylor undertook the total remodeling of the church. He and other numbers did the most of the work themselves. They installed new carpeting, paneling, lighting and air conditioning.

During 1977, Rev. Steve Dawson became Pastor and helped with the addition of an annex to the church. The annex has four classrooms upstairs and a kitchen and a large meeting room downstairs.

We have begun a nursery school for children from 3 to 5 years of age. The church also provides a van for transportation to and from church. Outings for other classes are also reasons for using the van.

The church is still growing, providing class space for nursery to Senior Citizens. We have used up all our available building space and membership is expanding. We have no where to go but "up".

God has blessed the church, "Behold how they love one another".

Sue Bunch
Glady Stephenson
Catherene Todd

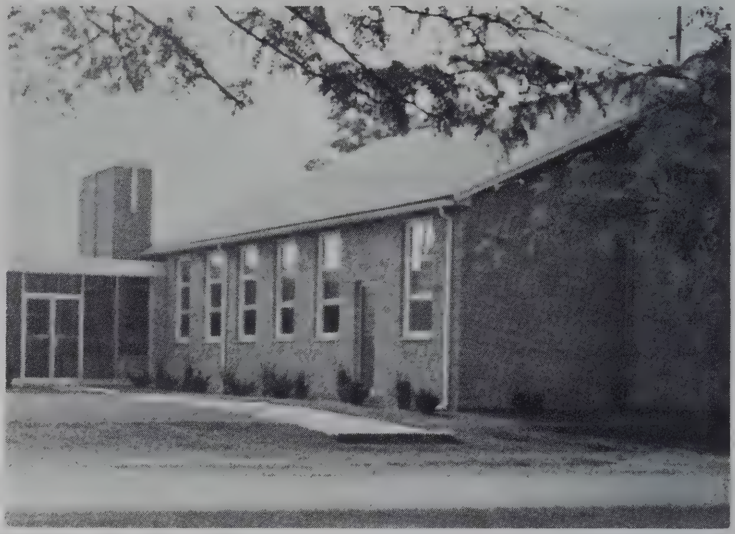
First Church of The Nazarene

The First Church of the Nazarene, Portland, Indiana, in Jay County, was organized on July 29, 1939 by the Rev. J.H. Crawford. It was after a three-week revival meeting held on South Meridian Street just north of the bridge.

The charter members were:

Rev. Vern Leonard*
Mrs. Mildred Leonard*
Mr. Eli Haley**
Mr. Samuel A. King**
Mrs. Maude E. King**
Mrs. Estella Parker*
Mrs. Dorthy I. Smith

Rev and Mrs. Kenneth Suits were the first pastors. Services were held in a tent on the corner of South Meridian and East 7th Streets. When the weather turned cold, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Norris opened their home on East Water Street to the church to hold Sunday School and Church Services.



First Church of the Nazarene, Portland

In the meantime, a lot had been purchased on East Elder Street and a sanctuary was erected. The first service held in the new church was on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1939, with sawdust floor, homemade pews, and two large cannonball stoves. Later a hardwood floor was laid, pews bought, and a new furnace installed.

The congregation grew too large for this building. On April 26, 1953, groundbreaking ceremonies were held on the newly acquired lots at the corner of South Shank Street and McLaughlin Avenue.

On March 14, 1954, the educational unit was dedicated. In the spring of 1959, work was begun on the sanctuary and it was completed and dedicated in the spring of 1960.

On November 7, 1965 a residence at 715 South Shank was purchased for the parsonage.

As of now plans are underway to build a new educational unit and a Fellowship Hall.

Pastors that have served our church:

Kenneth A. Suits	1939-1941
Earl Keener*	1941-1942
Virgil G. Meyer	1942-1946
E.B. Moss*	1946-1948
John Wine	1948-1951
H.L. Kennedy	1951-1955
Floyd Zurcher	1955-1961
Dwight Steininger	1961-1962
E.W. Bailey	1962-1965
Frank A. Noel Jr.	1965-1969
Jerald Hueber	1969-1970
Gouthy Jones*	1970-1972
Chester F. Pasko	1972-

*moved away
**deceased

*deceased

The future is bright for the First Church of the Nazarene, Portland, Indiana, in Jay County, with the promise of God.

First United Presbyterian Church

The First United Presbyterian Church of Portland, Indiana, had its beginnings on the Ira Towle farm, near New Corydon, with 13 members. In 1838 the Presbyterian Board of National Missions sent out the Rev. Isaac N. Taylor to Indiana, and in 1841 the church was organized with worship services held in the Limberlost Church The Rev. J.H. Babcock was one of the early preachers. He left a letter telling much about the early church. He is buried in a little cemetery near New Corydon.

In 1872 a charter was granted. This is the year considered to be the founding date of the present Presbyterian congregation. Worship was held in several different buildings in Portland, including the Court House and a small church building on the corner of West Race and Ship Streets. The Rev. Fred Stovenour preached there from 1872 to 1875.

This area was all wilderness at that time, several acres of it belonging to Judge Jacob Haynes. After much praying, the congregation decided to acquire a parcel of land from him. The present brick structure was built and dedicated in 1904. Mrs. Hanson Mills, 316 North Pleasant Street, was received into membership at the dedicatory service on October 30, 1904, and Mrs. Glenn Stanton, 130 East Arch Street, on March 4, 1906.

"Our Presbyterian Heritage," a history of the church, was written by Wilbur and Helen Stevenson and published in 1972 when the 100th anniversary was celebrated. The Jay County Historical Society and the Jay County Public Library, as well as the Presbyterian Church, have copies of this book. The book includes much of the following information in greater detail. The pastors of the church have been as follows:

Isaac N. Taylor - 1841
Joseph H. Babcock - 1845
Rev. Boggs -
Joseph H. Jones -
Fred Stovenour - 1872-1875
George A. Beattie 1875-1876
W.H. Honnell - 1876-1876
Harlan Page Cory - 1876-1879
Andrew Luce - 1880-1880
H.H. Lipes - 1880-1881
Charles T. White - 1882-1887
J. Alexander Adair - 1887-1890
John M. Adair - 1891-1892
John S. Axtell - 1892-1903
S. Arthur Stewart - 1903-1910
S. Wilbur Huffer - 1911-1917
Frank K. Baker - 1917-1921
Hugh N. Ronald - 1922-1939
T.O.M. Wills - 1940-1945
Edward Clarke McCance - 1945-1952
Robert B. Clark - 1952-1961
Richard N. Chase - 1961-1965
Morgan S. Roberts - 1966-1973
G. Kent Keller - 1974-

During Mr. W. Huffer's pastorate the church developed a remarkable interest in the missionary causes of the church at large. This interest has been maintained throughout the years, with the result that the Portland church today stands very high in benevolent giving.

Presbyterian Church, Portland

The pastorate of Dr. Hugh N. Ronald was filled with much community action, including a Daily Vacation Bible School, Boy Scout troops, Camp Crosley, the Visiting Nurses, the Red Cross, and other projects.

The church has always had a fine choir, and under the leadership of Mrs. T.O.M. Wills, a graduate of Westminster Choir College at Princeton, a total system of choirs was instituted: the chancel choir, the chapel choir, the junior choir, and a cherub choir. Several sermons by the Rev. T.O.M. Wills were published by the Pulpit Book Club in 1945 in his book, *God With Us.* In 1941 an extensive remodeling program of the church was carried out, installing a "split" chancel, a rose window, a lectern and a pulpit and a new organ. The two Wills boys, David and Ted, are Presbyterian ministers, and returned to the Portland Church in 1970 for their ordination.

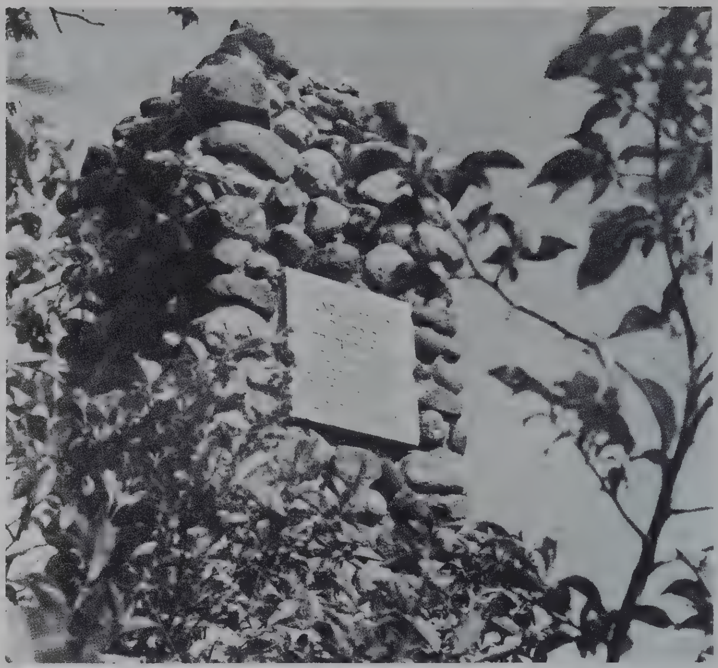
A new educational unit was added to the church in 1950 under the leadership of the Rev. Edward Clarke McCance. A rhythm choir was organized in 1947, performing interpretive dances in the worship service, accompanied by scripture and organ music. Although religious dance is fairly common today, it was quite an innovation in the 1940s and '50s.

During the pastorate of Dr. Robert B. Clark, a school for retarded children was in the basement of the building. From this beginning has grown the Jay-Randolph Developmental Services, including the Early Developmental Training program for pre-school youngsters.

A pastoral care and counseling center was also established, working with an advisory board of physicians, lawyers, and other interested persons; it led to the Mental Health organization as it is today.

The Rev. Morgan Roberts was particularly concerned about the church's ministry with youth. Work projects, caravans, and mission study trips took the youth of the church to Chicago, South Dakota, Washington, D.C., and to Randolph County to clean up after the 1973 tornado. Trips to Florida, Appalachia, and Rochester, New York, and retreats at Geneva Center, continued this tradition during the pastorate of Kent Keller. Mr. Roberts also served as the Jay County probation officer, seeking to help young people in trouble and in need. His wife, Jean, helped organize the Presbyterian Nursery School in 1970. The School has now become the Early Childhood Education program and has grown to an enrollment of 84 in four separate classes. This program has high standards for teaching and has proven to be a significant service to the Portland community. A chapter of Mariners, the national Presbyterian couples organization, was instituted in the early 1970s.

In the late 1970s the Presbyterian Church was instrumental in organizing the Jay County Church Men's Basketball League and the Portland Advisory Committee of Planned Parenthood. Following a precedent established after World War II, when Presbyterian families sponsored refugees from Europe, the church sponsored a Laotian family in 1980, providing a home, employment, and training in English for them. A new Austin organ with 1229 pipes was installed in 1980, and the new church library was dedicated in 1981. Fellowship groups continue to play an important role within the life of the congregation. Couples Concern Groups provide opportunity for Christian sharing, and the new Never-Too-Old Presbyterians group serves retired members of the church. Visitors Sunday has become an annual event which furthers the congregation's witness and outreach for Christ.



North of Balbec on Indiana 1, this monument marks the location of Jay County's stop on the famed Underground Railroad which shuttled hundreds of escaped slaves to freedom prior to the Civil War. As the plaque on the monument notes, local tradition long contended Eliza Harris of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" stopped here. Because the character of Eliza in Harriett Beecher Stowe's novel was a fictional one based on several runaway slaves, it would be impossible to prove or disprove the tradition.

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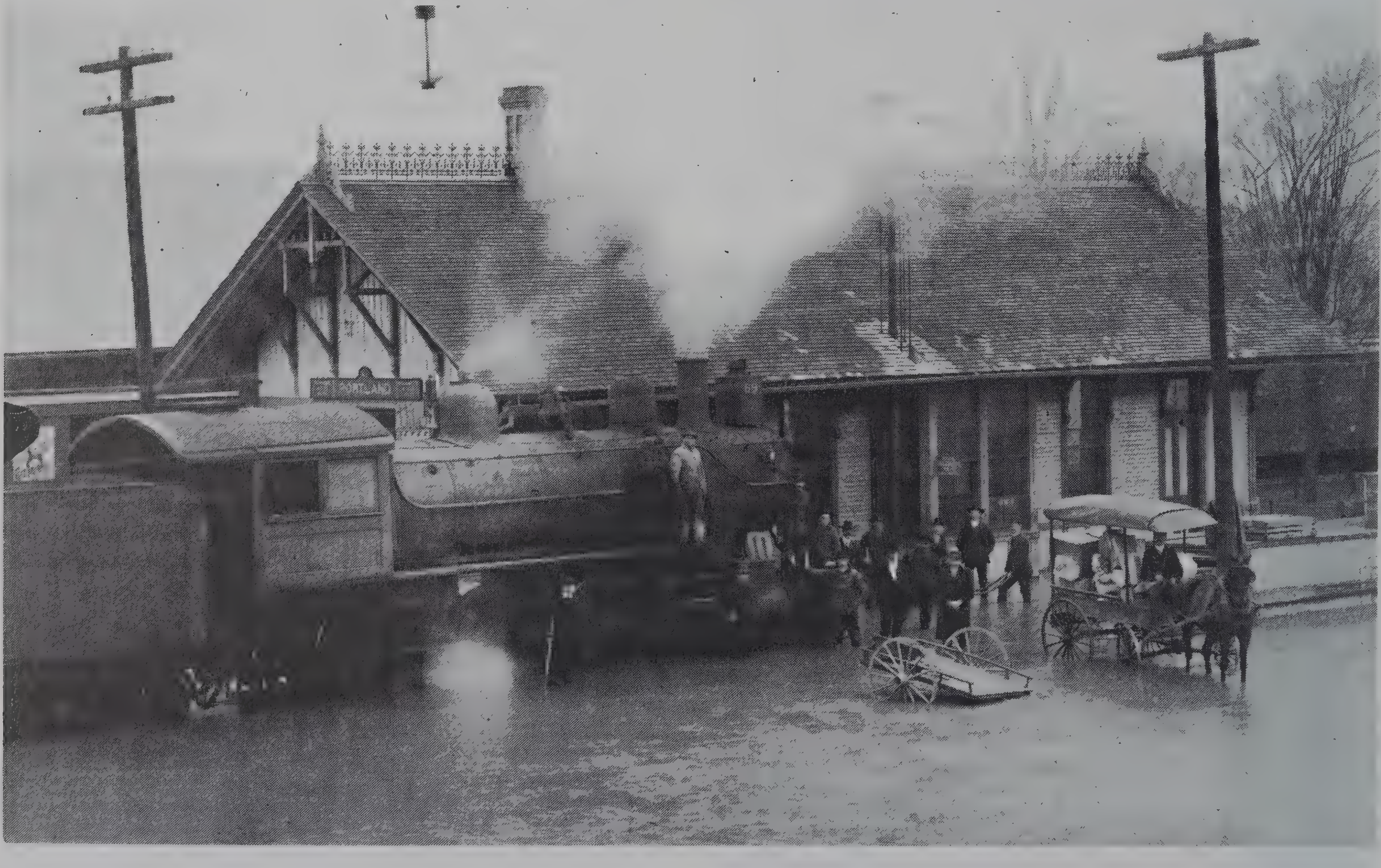

A Pennsylvania Railroad six-wheeler, which apparently had to chug through a lot of high water to get where it is, poses outside the railroad station along with its crew and an assortment of interested spectators. The picture was taken during the flood that soaked Portland in 1904. The picture is from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stevenson.

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Industrial And Business Highlights
A Special Feature Section

Past publications of this sort have depended upon the families and other writers contributing a set price per article which would in turn pay the cost of printing the book. It has been our objective to compile this material and have it printed at no cost to the contributor other than the price of the finished product. In this manner, everyone can be part of this history, regardless of their financial position. This objective has been achieved.

Throughout the book, you will read many short histories of industries and businesses, both large and small. We have included these as submitted as we feel they are an important part of our heritage.

Along with other general expenses over and above the cost of printing, we found that to come out in the black, we needed some additional monies.

The businesses highlighted on the following pages are very special people. They are fine, community-spirited citizens who came forward and made special donations to our cause. We have chosen to thank them by featuring their businesses on these pages and giving you some additional historical background on each one.

The Jay garment company

The Jay Garment Company

The Jay Garment Company was founded in Portland, Indiana in September 1921 by J. Arthur Williams and Orville R. Easterday. Mr. Williams served as president until 1941 and then as Chairman of the Board and treasurer until his death in 1962, although he was not active in day to day management after 1941. Mr. Easterday served as secretary-treasurer until his death in 1940. The Company took its name from Jay County.

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana and operations began in what is now the Portland City Building, with 20 employees, including the late William H. Teeters as superintendent and Meryl Gierhart Minch as head forelady. Steady growth of the business required relocating into larger facilities on North Wayne Street and the Lay Broom Company building on South Wayne Street. Later the cutting and sewing operations and main office were moved to their present location on South Meridian Street. These buildings had formerly housed the Bimel Spoke and Auto Wheel Company. The North Wayne Street facility was expanded several times to provide for pressing and oven curing of permanent press garments and storing and shipping all production.

The Company established its first factory outside of Portland, in Brookville, Indiana, in 1943 in a rented building to manufacture children's and boys' items. The operation there was doubled in 1953 when a new building was built and increased again in 1964. Manufacturing was discontinued in Brookville in 1975.

A second operation outside of Portland was acquired in 1964 when Jay Garment bought the equipment of The Gresham Shirt Company in Clarksville, Tennessee. This operation was continued in rented facilities until 1968 when 10-1/2 acres were purchased at the edge of Clarksville and a new modern manufacturing facility was built to produce all of the Company's one-piece worksuits or coveralls, and work shirts. This addition to the Company's manufacturing space made it possible to devote the entire production at the Portland Plant on South Meridian Street to men's jeans and work pants.

When Jay Garment was established in 1921, the production of men's work clothing was sold under the trade name of Bob-White to independent merchants in Indiana and neighboring states. By 1930 children's clothing had been added and new customers with nationwide distribution, such as J.C. Penney, Montgomery Ward and Sears Roebuck, were taking most of the production. The United States was in the great depression and Jay Garment was ready to produce high quality inexpensive clothing in large volume. The Company increased sales by more than five times between 1928 and 1940. Some children's items retailed for as little as ten cents each or three for twenty-five cents. More than 800 people were employed in Portland by 1940. The Company devoted more than one-half its production from 1940 to 1945 to clothing for the Armed Forces of The United States during World War II.

One of the most important reasons for the success of Jay Garment has been the many fine people who work there. It is typical for the garment manufacturing industry to employ about 80 per cent women. Literally thousands have come to work as teenagers, worked a few years, taken time out to get married and raise a family and then return to work until retirement.

The Company has been fortunate to have capable and dedicated management people. Here again a complete listing would take more space than available, but officers and directors, who have retired or resigned in addition to Williams and Easterday, the founders, are as follows:

Name	**Years of Employment**	**Office Held at Time of Retirement or Resignation or Highest Office Attained**
Dwight Young	1930-1975	Board Chairman
Hugh Ronald	1935-1962	Board Chairman
Hugh Miller	1942-1980	Executive Vice President
James Luginbill	1940-1980	Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer
Everett Taylor	1931-1978	Vice President, Manufacturing
Meryl Minch	1921-1961	Vice President
Mary Jane Calhoun	1929-1955	Vice President

The officers and directors of the Company as of January 1982 are:

Officers	**Years of Employment**	**Office Held**
John G. Young	1956 to present	President, Chief Executive Officer
Douglas Milligan	1964 to present	Vice President, Treasurer
Harry Scott	1971 to present	Vice President, Mfg., Secretary
Charles Bentz	1958 to present	Asst. Vice President, Mfg.
Jean Rector	1972 to present	Asst. Treasurer

Directors:
Dwight Young, Director Emeritus & Honorary Board Chairman
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James E. Luginbill
Douglas Milligan
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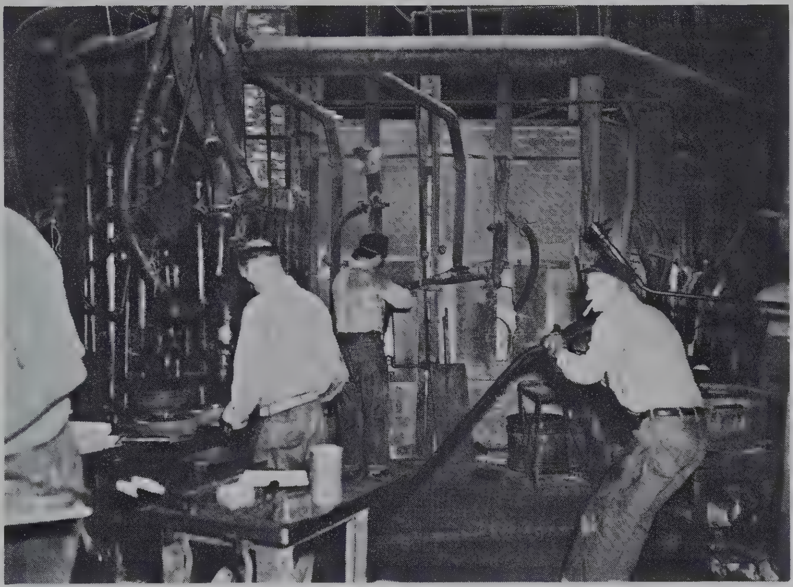


Indiana Glass Company

In 1887 the first gas well was put down on North Main Street in Dunkirk, Indiana. the whole town was jubilant, with investors thick in the area. The glass industry has always been dependent on readily available fuel. This was an answer to prayers. Indiana Glass had its beginnings in 1896 when George Brady, and Jim Beaty bought the building that the Pennsylvania Rail Road Co. had built for car shops. These men formed the Beaty-Brady Glass Co. to make pressed glass. The company, later, was sold to the National Glass Company in 1899.

Frank Merry became president, and the production consisted of three twelve ton continuous tanks for making crystal table ware. More products were added to the line in the next three years, including lamps, and various novelty lines. In 1907 National Glass was thrown into receivership because of a bank failure in Pittsburg, Pa. Indiana Glass Co. was formed to purchase the Dunkirk plant.

In 1908 the principal stockholders, Henry Batsch, Rathburn Fuller, Frank Merry, Harold Phillips, and Charles Smalley bought the real estate from the receiver, making Indiana Glass Co. a private Corporation.

During this time, a dozen or more glass plants had flourished in the area, Albany, Redkey, Elwood, Kokomo, and Hartford City. Slowly they went out of business, or suffered fires that wiped them out of business. How did Indiana Glass survive? Dynamic leadership, and the ability to adapt to the changing times.

In 1907 there were only hand shops, all shipping was by rail, and all wares were packed in barrels with hay. By 1923 the "useless toy" the automobiles were in widespread use. Indiana Glass started manufacturing auto headlights, taillights, and other related items. The gas was beginning to run out. Indiana Glass converted to coal, to make their own gas to replace the natural gas. Then came automatic machines to form the glass. Glass blowers were needed less, but increased production called for more workers. In 1950 there were five continous tanks and four day tanks. Also, there were thirty-five hand shops. In the mid 50's Indiana began to return to tableware. The company saw a new upsurge in growth.

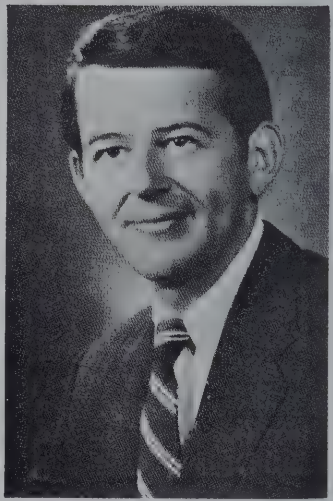
Today, the company is still growing, providing employment for many hundred employees, both men and women. In 1970 a new product opened a new era of glass marketing. TIARA EXCLUSIVES are special hand crafted glass tableware and other products marketed through the Home party plan. Today, Indiana Glass is forward looking, branching into overseas markets and exhibiting in 175 annual trade shows. Today J.E. Hoofstetter, is general manager, and James Lucas is production manager.

Past and present company leaders

George Naas

George H. Naas

Maxwell N. Naas


Peter W. Mauger

Naas Foods, Inc. General Offices, Portland, Indiana

Naas Foods started in 1899 on a fruit farm in Monroe County, New York as a partnership known as George Naas & Son. George Naas, then about 40 years old, was a successful fruit farmer, and George H. Naas, Jr. then 18 years old was just back from a short course at Rochester Business Institute. They had the idea they could better market the produce of their apple orchards and those of their neighbors if they were processed into dried apples. George H. and his father embarked on this enterprize in a small factory right there on their farm.

By 1906 the business had expanded so much that the little plant on the farm was no longer adequate and a new larger plant in Cohocton, New York, a nearby town on a railroad, was built. That was the year Maxwell was born and when only 8 months old moved to Cohocton. This became the headquarters for the company. In about 1910 the plant on the farm burned and was not rebuilt but the Cohocton plant was enlarged.

At the beginning of World War I the export market for dried apples suffered and a major change came in the business. Cider vinegar and plain cider became the major products and the dried apples started to phase out.

From 1914 to 1920 there was a considerable expansion of the business. In 1917 putting vinegar in bottles was started. Naas was one of the early people in this part of the business and it expanded rapidly. Before this time vinegar was shipped to the stores in barrels and the grocer would fill the customer's jugs that they brought in.

In 1918 the partnership was incorporated as The Naas Corporation with George Naas, Sr. as President, George H. Naas Jr. as V-President and General Manager and John Schaefer, a son-in-law of George Sr., Secy.-Treas.

After the war in 1920 there was a rather severe depression and George Jr. was again looking for some new product to get into. In 1926, after considerable study it was decided to venture into the catsup business. A small tomato plant was purchased in Sunman, Indiana where tomatoes were concentrated into pulp and put into 5 gallon cans and shipped to Cohocton to be converted into catsup. At that time growing tomatoes there was also tried but the growing season was a little too short for this to be very successful. So in 1928 the whole tomato operation was moved to Sunman, Indiana. In 1930 shortly after Maxwell graduated from college, he joined his father in Sunman. In 1932 this operation was incorporated as The Naas Corporation of Indiana. At that time George H. Jr. became President and General Manager and Maxwell became Secy-Treas. In a few years the ownership of the Indiana company was transfered entirely to them and the New York company was kept by George Sr. and John Schaefer. At George's death it was liquidated.

The tomato operations in Sunman expanded and in 1934 pork & beans and green beans were added to the operations. The plant in Sunman reached its limit for growth; so in 1935 the company moved to Portland where the Muncie & Portland power house & car barns, that had been closed for some time, were purchased and converted into a canning plant for catsup and a full line of dried beans. In the same year the office and headquarters were moved to Portland, and the Sunman plant continued as just a catsup plant.

In February 1938 George Jr., then President and Chief Executive Officer died suddenly with heart trouble and Maxwell N., then 32 years old, became President & Chief Executive officer and Treasurer. Charles O. Schuster, Maxwell's father-in-law, became Vice President and Cornelia S. Naas Secretary. Orville R. Bechdolt a Jay County native who had started working for the Company in 1935 became office manager and was in charge of all accounting activities. M.L. (Pete) Wetzler became Sales Manager. Later Orville became Secretary and shortly there after Vice President, titles he held until his untimely death at age 48 in 1956. At that time Lewis W. Starr a long time employee in the office became Secretary and office Manager a position he held until his death.

The company continued to grow and in 1944 the Geneva plant was purchased to produce canned tomatoes and tomato juice. Later it has been expanded to produce chili sauce, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, Sauce Arturo, Major Peters Bloody Mary Mix, other mixes and fruit drinks.

In 1964 the Sunman plant started to can carbonated beverages and in the next few years this grew very rapidly into a multi-million case operation. In 1970 the tomato operation was moved from Sunman to Portland. The Sunman plant was then turned over completely to canned and bottled carbonated beverages.

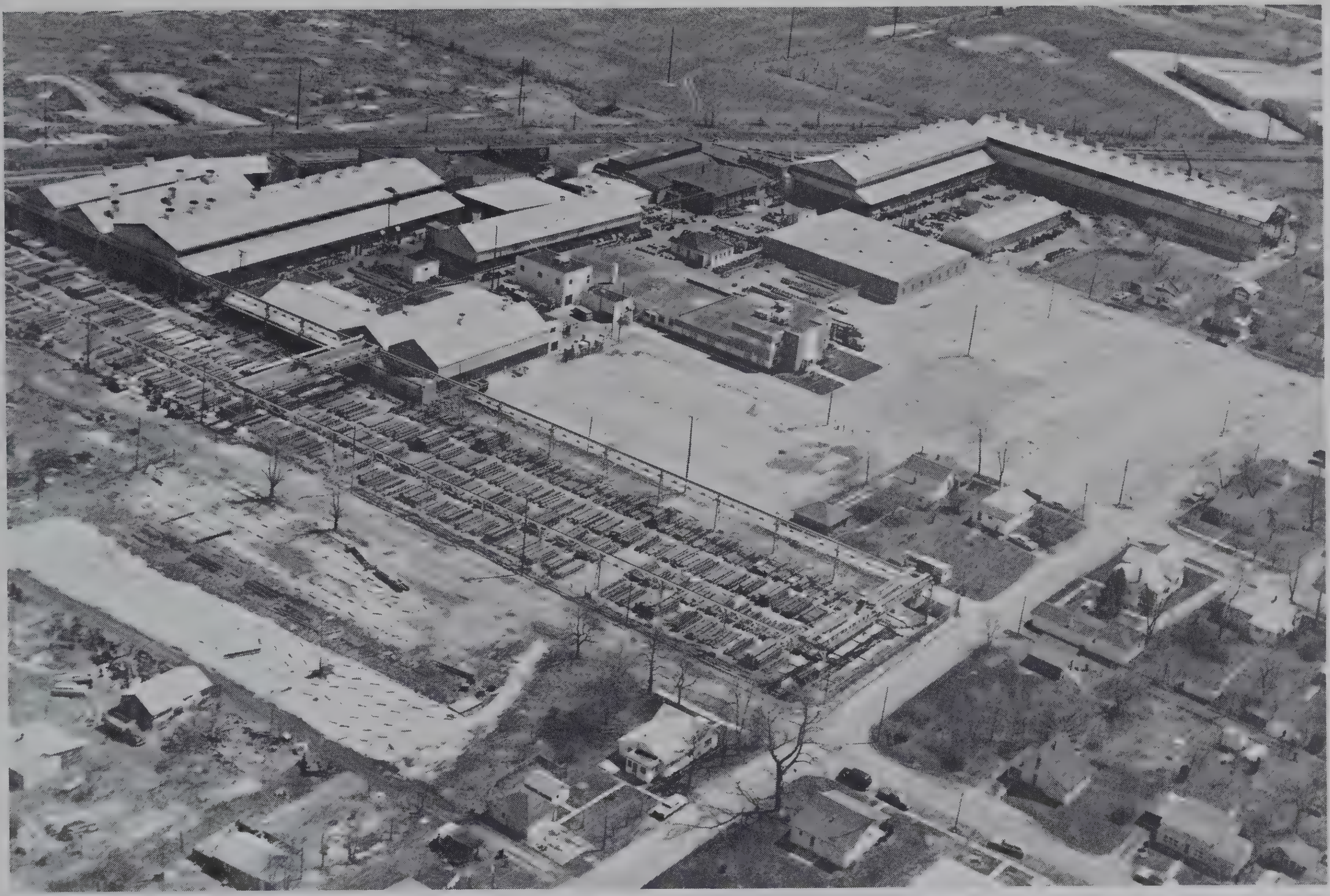
In 1962 Peter W. Mauger, the husband of Sally Naas, joined the company. In 1967 he became assistant to the President and in 1968 Executive Vice President. Then in 1971 he became President and Chief Executive Officer. Maxwell became Chairman of the Board.

In 1968 Richard H. Raunecker, who had married Lydia Naas in 1965, moved from Hackensack, New Jersey to Portland and joined the company as Chief Engineer. On the death of Lewis Starr he also became Secretary of the company. He held these positions until his death in 1979.

In 1976 the Sunman carbonated beverage plant was sold to Domont Beverages, Inc. and a plant for packing peas & sweet corn was purchased in Pickett, Wisconsin. This purchase further expanded the company's line of canned and processed foods. The name of the Wisconsin plant is Naas Foods of Wisconsin, Inc. and an extensive modernization was done immediately expanding it into a most modern pea and corn operation.

The company continued expansion; but getting more tomatoes to do this became more difficult. So in1981 another major move was started. A bulk tomato paste plant is under construction in Williams, Colusa County, California. This tomato paste will be shipped in bulk tank cars and large 2500 lb. plastic containers to the Portland and Geneva plants for conversion into all the various tomato products. These plants should then be able to operate the year round. The Geneva plant is being expanded to handle all the fresh tomatoes grown in this area and the Portland plant will operate only on tomato paste from California

At this time the officers of the company are Maxwell N. Naas, Chairman, Peter W. Mauger, President and Chief Executive, James Overholt, Vice President of Sales, Robert Moore, Vice President Operations, James Fisher, Secy-Treasurer and, Phyllis Williams, Assist. Secretary.



Teledyne Portland Forge

Teledyne Portland Forge started as a foundry and machine shop in 1880 by Henry Sees and Patrick Moffit, to service the growing oil producing fields of Jay County. In 1909, the Portland Foundry was purchased by a group of local businessmen, J.A. Long, C.C. Cartwright, L.G. Holmes, and George H. Smith, and moved to its present location. A forge department was started at that time with four small hammers, and renamed the Portland Forge and Foundry Company. The company was very busy during World War I. George H. Smith was the manager. He resigned in 1921, and was replaced by Donald A. Hall who retained that position until his death in 1945. Under his management, the company grew and became a leader in the forging industry, as well as a very important producer for the World War II effort. The company, during this period, received four "E" awards, the highest civilian awards given war-workers during this conflict.

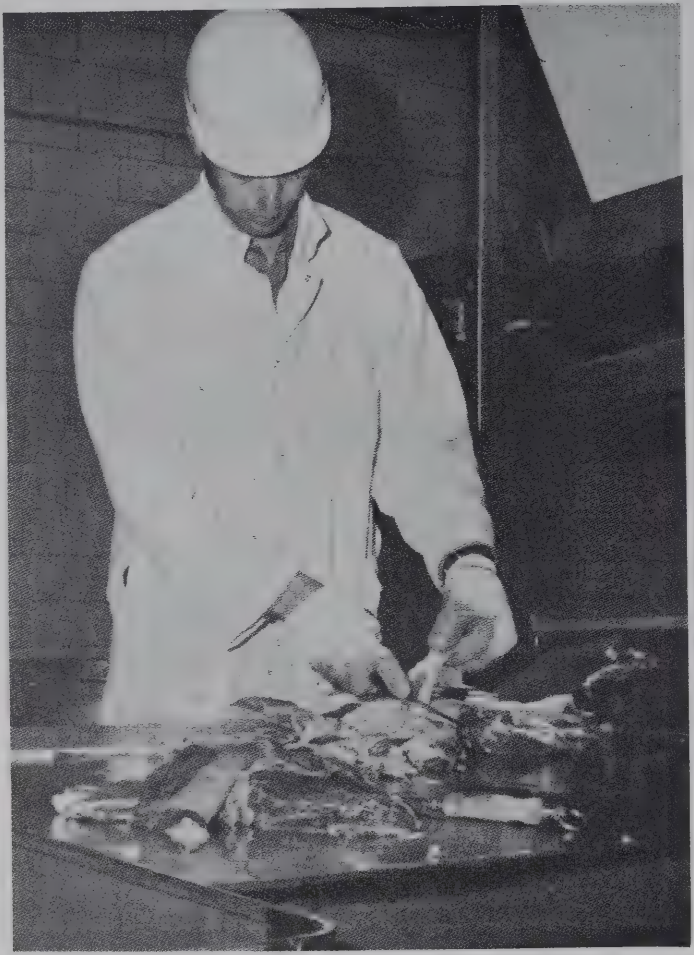
The company name was changed to Portland Forge, Inc., and in 1945, Lee G. Hall assumed the position of General Manager and, in 1952, the office of President. The company resumed its growth after the dislocation from war to peace-time, and continued to expand in size, product, and forging tonnage during the next thirty (30) years. It counts among its customers, the leading corporations in America, making off-highway equipment, farm equipment, trucks, industrial gears, the oil and gas industry, and the automotive and aircraft industry.

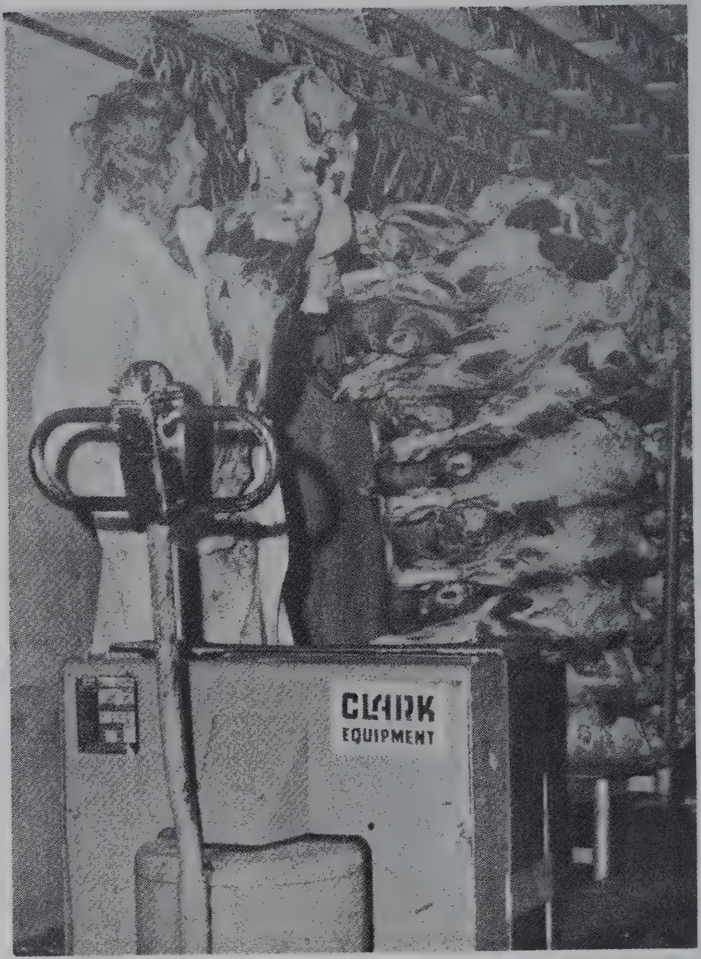
The company produces hammer, upset, and press forgings from carbon and alloy steels, for gear and energy transmission applications. Over 200 of America's largest and most vital users of steel products are served from thrity-five (35) different types and sizes of forging machines. A complete heat treatment facility has been installed with a capacity of 200 tons per day.

During this period of growth from 1945 to 1975, besides Lee G. Hall, President, were J.G. Meeker, V.P. Sales, C.C. Barrenbrugge, V.P. Production, A.W. Shoup, V.P. Engineering, J.P. Bodle, Secretary-Treasurer, R.E. Miller, Personnel Director, and Ethel F. Cartwright, Chairperson of the Board. Mrs. Cartwright had been active in the company since 1932, serving on the Board of Directors and as President.

In August of 1967, Teledyne, Inc., a California based corporation, purchased all of the capital stock of Portland Forge, Inc., but the company continued its operation with the same management personnel until 1976. In June of that year, Dr. Robert H. Read of Teledyne Vasco, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, was employed by the company as Executive Vice President, and in August of 1980, succeeded L.G. Hall as President. Mr. Hall has continued his relationship with the company as its chairman.

Teledyne Portland Forge continues to expand its facilities, and its operation, started in 1880, now occupies approximately 48 acres in northeast Portland, at the site of the original location.





Robert J. Fenters & Son, Inc.

170 N. Union St., P.O. Box 265, Pennville, Ind. 47369

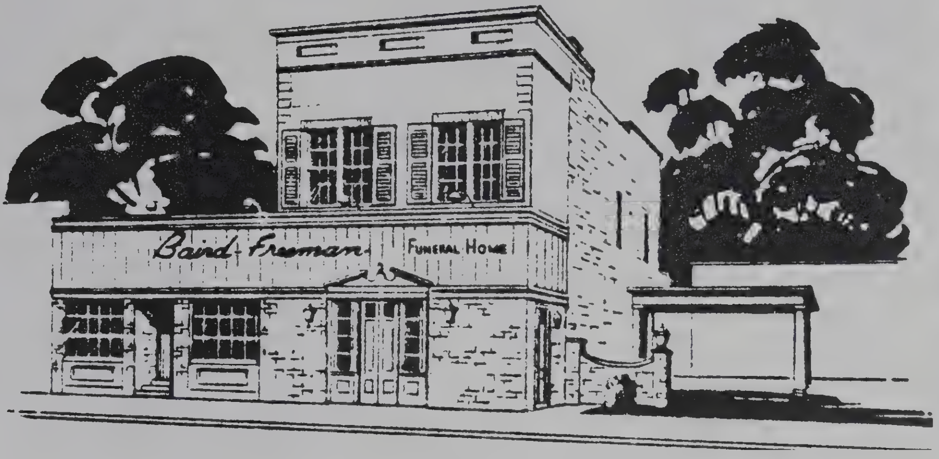
Robert J. 'Bob' Fenters started in the meat business as a boy helping his father drive cattle and hogs to market (no trucks in those days) eventually learning to butcher and cut meat. He and his wife Helen Williams Fenters, moved to Indianapolis from Pennville in 1929, where he managed several meat departments for chain stores eventually owning his own meat market.

In 1940 he moved back to Pennville where he built a locker plant with facilities to butcher, cut, wrap, freeze and store meat for local customers. During World War Two, he was approached by Peter Eckrich and Sons to slaughter cattle, hogs, and sheep for them. From this association the business grew into a slaughtering of canner and cutter cows and the removal of bones. The boneless beef was then shipped to manufactuers of lunch meat, hamburger, and meat puveyors of the restaurants.

During the middle 50's the slaughter operation could not keep up the needs of the boning room so cattle was bought already slaughtered from Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, Iowa, Wisconsin. The cattle was shipped in refrigerated semis. In 1950 Federal Meat Inspection was granted to the company which enabled it to ship across state lines. During this growth period an average of 150 cattle per day were boned which represented 180,000 pounds of meat per week or alittle over 9 million pounds a year.

In 1969 Bob Fenters sold the business to his son William ''Bill'' Fenters. To assure the continuous growth of the company, a separate company was formed ''Purveyors Meat Supply, Inc. Using a newly developed machine from Urschel Laboratories of Valparaiso, Indiana, a new product for the meat industry evolved called flaked and formed meats. During the last few years a continuous effort has been made to develope new products for the meat industry. Presently flaked and formed beef cubes for the canning industry is a big item with the company. Formed steaks with controlled fat content are being tested by the military. Institutions are interested in this type of product because the low fat content. Since 1970 we have had visitors representing 21 foreign countries interested in or process.

Although the country is experiencing economic problems, Fenters is optomistic for the future.



Baird-Freeman Funeral Home

The Baird Funeral Home was established in Portland in 1894 by Joseph L. Baird. It was first started in a frame building, which had been the site of a flower shop.

Realizing the need of a more modern building, Baird purchased the Miller homestead at 221 N. Meridian Street, and began operation of Portland's first funeral home.

In early days, deceased persons were embalmed in their own homes and funerals were always conducted at the home or in a church.

In 1926, when the trend of public opinion favored funeral homes, it was discovered no dwelling house or residence was adapted or suited for the purpose of a funeral, and an adjoining brick building was purchased by Baird. In 1938 the chapel was added to the funeral home, making possible the handling of every detail of a funeral.

When Baird purchased the Miller homestead, the familiar landmark was divided in two, with one section being used as a residence located at the south end of Pleasant Street and the other, also a residence, located at the south end of Munson Ave. and First Street.

Joseph Baird was joined by his only son, Charles A. Baird, in 1908. Joseph Baird died in 1934 and Charles took over the business.

Myron G. Freeman began working at the funeral home as a boy, during the summer and after school, where he used to wash cars and varnish floors for $5 per week. After completing high school, he went to an embalming college in Indianapolis. He then returned to Portland and has been associated with the funeral home ever since. Charles Baird died in 1960 and the firm became known as Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in 1963.

Stanley S. Teeter, a native of Geneva, became involved in the funeral home business by doing odd jobs at Hardy and Hardy in Geneva. He obtained additional experience by driving Dr. C.P. Hinchman, of Geneva, when he made house calls. Teeter worked his way through Indiana College of Mortuary Science in Indianapolis and became involved with Baird Funeral Home in 1955. He is married to the former Gloria Lehman of Berne. They have two children.

Mrs. Jonas (Marjorie) Arbaugh became associated with the business in 1940 and has served as receptionist and lady attendant for women.

Margaret Freeman served as organist for over 40 years.

In April 1967, the firm held an open house in celebration of the completion of an extensive remodeling and redecorating program.

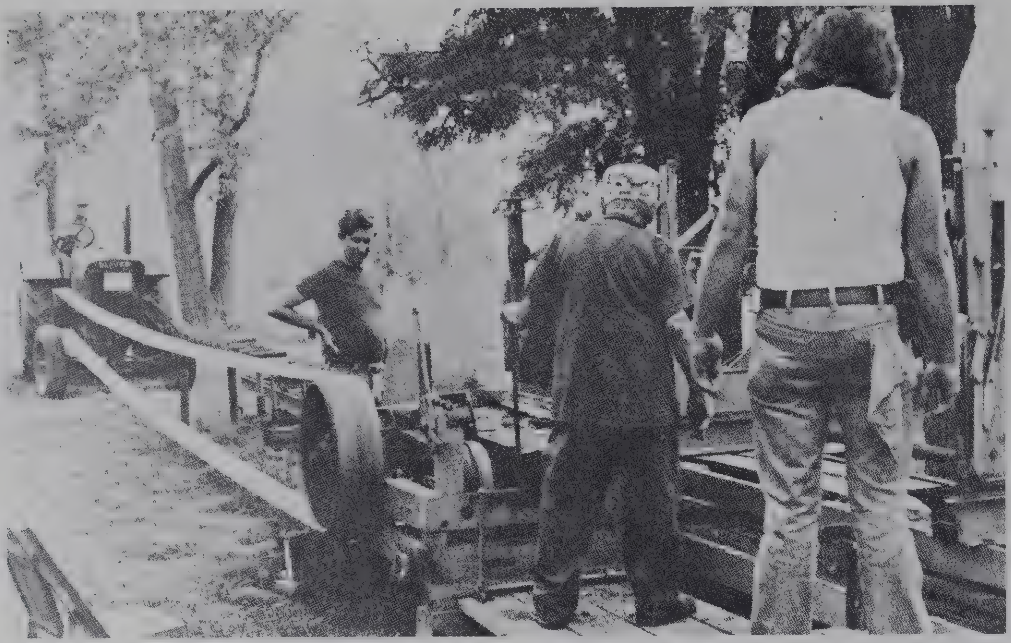
In the early years horse drawn ambulance service was also provided by the business. Until the early 1950's seven-passenger limousines were used for family cars. The cars were converted to ambulances and reassembled into a family car. In 1951 the firm began purchasing straight ambulances and in 1974 were operating two such vehicles and another combination ambulance/family car to provide emergency service.

Federal regulations on ambulance service became so restrictive and expensive that in 1975 the firm disbanded the emergency service.

In 1981 Teeter, and his wife, Gloria, purchased the funeral home from Myron Freeman. Janet Humbert then began serving as organist for the business.

Teeter's son, David, who earned his degree in mortuary science from Vincennes University, joined his father in the business in 1981.

The funeral home will soon be celebrating 100 years of service to the community of Portland.



Tri-State Gas Engine Association

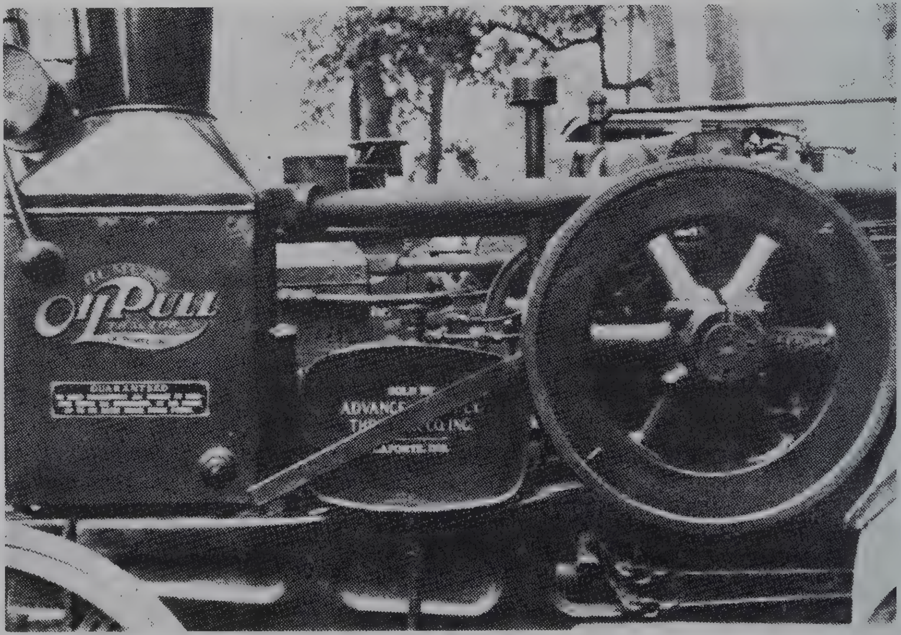
The Tri State Gas Engine Association began as a project for men who are interested in gas and steam engines, to band together to hold a show for the public enjoyment, and encouragement to preserve the old-time engines. This was the year 1965.

The first show was held in Ft. Recovery, Ohio, with the Jaycees as sponsors. It had limited success. The grounds were not quite adequate for future growth, nor were the instigators experienced in promotion.

The year 1966, Eldrew Cissell, an experienced newsman, with the Graphic and Commercial-Review news in Portland offered his services in promotion. The Association procured the Jay County Fairgrounds for the scene of that years show. It was a success. This show had about fifty gas engines, five tractors, and two steam engines. They also had a number of flea market dealers on the grounds for the womens interest.

Over the years, a high class clientele of Antique dealers, as well as the huge flea market has highlighted the show. Antique dealers, and gas engines are extremely compatable. An Old Fiddlers Contest was started to add interest, and later a banjo contest was added. These are held on Friday and Saturday nights. Church services are also held on Sunday morning, with no dealers opening until after services.

The Association has purchased ninteen acres adjoining the fairgrounds, and has erected a business and storage building on it. They hope to have their 1924 Fairbanks-Morris diesel engine in operation by this years show. It is a 100 horsepower machine. Dealer-showmen come from all over the Mid-west, and the east coast. One from California, another from upper Ontario, Canada were at the 1981 show. They offer free gate, and camping to all dealers. Woody Turner has been the directing person from the first.



The firm of Stolz, Williamson & Straley as it appeared in 1908. The firm at that time combined their funeral business with the furniture business. Those pictured are left to right: Frank Straley, Charles Stolz, unidentified, and Nelson Williamson. The firm was located at 121 N. Meridian Street during these early years.

The firm's name by 1934 had changed to Williamson's Shadow Lawn Funeral Home and was now located on the corner of West High and Commerce Streets, the side of the Old Judge Headington homestead. The placque in the garden was dedicated in memory of Elwood Haynes during Portland centenial in 1932. Those pictured are left to right: Darwin Williamson, Nelson Williamson, and J. Paul Spencer.

The Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home

The Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home was founded in 1906 by Nelson R. Williamson. Mr. Williamson bought the Sherm Hines interest in the undertaking firm of Hines & Stolz in Portland. A year later the new firm admitted to partnership Frank A. Straley, at the same time buying the old established Cring furniture store, and continued operations under the firm name of Stolz, Williamson & Straley. Two years later Mr. Stolz sold his interest and the remaining partners continued the business for two years, at the end of which time they sold the furniture department and confined themselves exclusively to the funeral business. In 1912, Mr. Williamson bought the interest of his partner, Mr. Straley, and became the sole proprietor of the establishment. The firm during these early years was located at 121 N. Meridian St. in the building where for many years the Haffner Hardware Store was located and at present time is occupied by Pauline's Dress Shop.

The firm was moved to its present location at the corner of West High and Commerce Streets in 1919 and became known as the Shadow Lawn Funeral Home. The corner on which the funeral home stands is historical in that on this ground Elwood Haynes, inventor of steallite, stainless steel, and the first successful American automobile, was born. A bronze placque in the funeral home garden now marks the location.

Nelson Williamson was joined in the business by his son, Darwin, in 1921 and by his daughter Nadine's husband, J. Paul Spencer, in 1931. The firm then became known as Williamson and Sons. Nelson Williamson became semi-retired in 1947 and Darwin Williamson and Paul Spencer became partners in the firm which at this time became known as the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home. The founder of the funeral home died November 13, 1961 and his son, Darwin, died January 26, 1972. The firm continued with his partnership passing to his widow, Alta Williamson.

The firm continued as a partnership until July 1, 1981 when it was purchased by Don and Jane Spencer. Don Spencer is the grandson of the founder of the firm, Nelson Williamson, and the son of Paul and Nadine (Williamson) Spencer. The firm which Nelson Williamson started in 1906 has now passed into the hands of the third generation to become involved with funeral service to Jay County.

The Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home as it appears today. The building itself has been expanded 6 times until it currently houses 8,000 sq. feet.

Don and Jane Spencer purchased the funeral home in the summer of 1981. Don is the grandson of the founder of the firm, Nelson R. Williamson.

First National Bank

The history of the First National Bank of Portland goes back to early 1904, when a group of local businessmen organized and received a charter to operate a national bank at 210 N. Meridian, in the location now occupied by the Hunt Studio. Directors were John A.M. Adair, John W. Mills, Joseph A. Long, William North, William D. Schwartz, Oran A. Rawlings and S.H. Adams. Capital stock was set at $50,000. The bank opened to the public in early April, 1904, and its first officers were John A.M. Adair, president; Joseph A. Long, vice-president; and John W. Mills, cashier. The bank operated in this location until April, 1910, when the present building at North Meridian and Walnut was leased for a period of 99 years.

The first president of The First National Bank of Portland was John A.M. Adair, who served as representative in Congress for ten years and was a leader in the Indiana Democratic party. In 1916 he was the party's nominee for Governor of Indiana. Adair had many business interests in the community and was active in civic affairs. He died in October, 1938, after having served as president of the bank for thirty-four years.

Charles E. Schwartz was named president of the bank in 1938, after having served as vice-president since January, 1920. Schwartz was a senior member of the law firm of Schwartz and Bechdolt and a graduate of Indiana Law School, class of 1900. He served as a director of the W.H. Hood Company, and as a director of the Portland Forge and Foundry. Schwartz served as president of the bank until his death in April, 1942.

Dr. W.D. Schwartz was elected the third president of the First National Bank in April, 1942, succedding the late C.E. Schwartz. He had served the bank as a director and as vice-president since 1926. A graduate with honors from Indiana University Medical School, Dr. Schwartz practiced medicine in Portland until his death in 1952. He was active in community affairs and contributed greatly to the progress of the bank and the city.

Upon the death of Dr. Schwartz, Omer Cromer became the fourth president of the bank. Cromer had been a director since 1941 and vice-president since January, 1946. Owner of Cromer Bros. Wholesale Tobacco and Candy distributing company in Portland, Cromer directed the policy of the bank for twelve years, until the election of Fred Hudson as president in 1965.

Fred Hudson was elected as the fifth president in January of 1965. Hudson was a native of Jay County and served as a director of the bank beginning in 1964. He was formerly sales manager for the Standard Brush and Broom Company and president of the Mutual Security, Inc. of Portland. He passed away in 1981. Hudson was the first full-time president of the bank and under his leadership the total assets grew from less than $5 million to over $20 million.

The main office was expanded and completely remodeled in 1965. A drive-in bank was built at the corner of West Walnut and North Commerce in 1972.

Joseph Wellman was elected president of the bank in January of 1981. Barry Hudson now serves as chairman of the board, Bob Bell as vice-president and cashier, Jon Haffner as assistand vice-president.

The bank has seen steady growth since its beginning. It is a member of several banking associations and subscribes to several educational and professional programs.

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Meridian Street, Portland—In March of 1913

MELON ON ICE

Stratton Grocery, Portland about 1909

Sally, Dorothy and Kermit McCurdy at house across from the Water Street Jail. ca 1910

Jay County Infirmary
Portland, Ind.

Family Histories

On the following pages are the family histories of Jay County residents listed alphabetically according to the oldest descendant mentioned or according to the title of the history when submitted. The stories are up-to-date as of the submission date in early 1982.

Every household in Jay County was given the opportunity to contribute to this history at no charge. It is the hope of the Jay County Historical Society that all interested individuals who wished to become a part of this book took the time to submit their story.

A complete indexing of names mentioned on the following pages begins on page 367.

The Adair Family

The Adair family came originally from Ireland. Sir William Adair and his wife Ester Smilie Adair came to America from Ireland in 1778 and settled in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of six children. James Cleland Adair, 5th son of Sir William and Ester Adair, was born in County Down, Ireland, remained in Ireland to finish his education, and joined his parents in America in 1803. He married Belinda Jones of Hagerstown, Maryland, settled in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, moved on to Jackson County, Ohio, then to Jay County, and died in Wayne Township, Jay County in 1860.

Three of the children of the James Cleland Adair family and their descendants have made valuable contributions to the church, public service and community leadership in Jay County. These three children were John Jones Adair, Mary Jane Adair Poor and James Guthrie Adair.

John Jones Adair, who married Mary Ann Kreps, was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He was admitted to the bar in Jackson County, Ohio, was a school teacher for many years, and came to Jay County in 1851. He settled on 86 acres of land in section 4 of Pike Township in 1853 and built the brick house just across from the Little Salamonia Church, now known as "the Haines House." Mr. Adair served as Deputy Clerk of Jay County for 15 years, as Deputy Sheriff for five years, was an active member of the Methodist Church and was one of the original trustees of the Farmer's Academy at College Corner.

Children of John Jones Adair were: Alice, Ann, Mary, William, Warren, George K., Harry, Ossian, John Ellison and Richard Jones Adair.

George K. Adair served as Portland City Treasurer and later was with the Silvernak Department Store which became Weiler's Store. John Ellison Adair and his wife Florence Hiatt Adair, daughter of a pioneer Penn Township family, lived at 317 East Arch Street in Portland. Mr. Adair was educated at Liber College, was an active Democrat, was engaged in the oil business, served as state oil inspector and was at the time of his death Jay Circuit Court Bailiff.

Children of John E. and Florence Hiatt Adair were Carl, who died at the age of 39; Alice, who married Charles J. Clark; and Jennie Edna Adair, a teacher in the Portland schools. She married James R. Fleming. James R. and Jennie Adair Fleming were the parents of Marian Adair Fleming (Mrs. James Abromson) and Virginia Ann Fleming.

Mary Jane Adair, daughter of James C. Adair and sister of John Jones Adair married David Poor on October 7, 1837. A daughter, Helen Mar Poor, was the wife of George W. Hall, former Portland attorney and realtor. It was through the efforts of Mrs. Hall, who was a historian and genealogist, that Mississinewa Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in Portland. She and Jennie Adair Fleming were among the charter members.

Donald Adair Hall, son of Helen Poor Hall and George W. Hall, was president of the Portland Forge until his death. His son, Lee G. Hall, is the retired head of the operation which is now Teledyne Forge.

James Guthrie Adair and his wife, Sarah Hutson Adair, lived on 80 acres of land at the south edge of Bear Creek Township near the Pleasant Ridge Church. A picture of the Adair homestead appears in Dr. M. T. Jay's History of Jay County.

James G. Adair was an ordained Methodist minister, taught school in Jay County until 1873, was active in Democratic politics, and was Master of the Jay County Masonic Lodge at the time of his death. A son of James G. and Sarah Hutson Adair was John A. M. Adair. Mr. Adair was active in the Portland Methodist Church, was a prominent Democrat in easter Indiana. He served as Portland City Clerk, as Clerk of Jay County, and for ten years was representative in Congress from the old 8th District of Indiana. In 1916 Mr. Adair was a candidate for Governor of Indiana on the Democratic ticket and was recognized over the state as a party leader. He was one of the organizers, a member of the Board of Directors and former President of the First National Bank of Portland located at Meridian and Walnut Streets.

Oscar H. Adair was a well-known Portland attorney, a graduate of Liber College and an 1876 graduate of Valparaiso University. He read law in the office of Headington and LaFollette and practiced law until his death in 1904.

Charles P. Adair was owner of the Adair Drug Store, located in the second block on the west side of North Meridian Street in Portland and was engaged in business there for many years.

Another son of James G. Adair was Alpheus A. Adair. Mr. Adair was educated at Liber College, taught in the Jay County school system and in 1894 established the A.A. Adair Drug Store at 105 West Main Street where the Clamme and Roberts law office is now located. Mr. Adair operated the successful drug business for many years and then formed a partnership with Melvin O. Hanlin. The West Main Street store was the forerunner of the Hanlin Rexall Store on North Meridian Street.

The Adair Hotel formerly occupied the area where the Citizens Drive-In Bank is on West Main Street. The Adair was a popular hotel and was one of the best-known in eastern Indiana in the early 1900's. The hotel was owned by A. A. Adair from 1903 to 1919.

In the late 1800's and into the 1900's, four Adair families lived on the south side of East Arch Street: the John A. M. Adair family at 203 East Arch, the Jack and Nan Adair Leedy family at 207 East Arch, the Oscar Adair family at 227 East Arch, and the John E. Adair family at 317 East Arch Street.

While not the earliest settlers, the Adairs may be regarded as pioneers, having contributed their full share toward the improvement and progress of Jay County.

Mrs. James (Marian Adair Fleming) Abromson of Portland is a direct descendant of the Adair family. Mrs. Abromson is the daughter of Jennie Adair and James R. Fleming. Mr. Fleming was a well-known attorney, active in Democratic politics and until his death was publisher of the Forth Wayne Journal-Gazette. Mr. and Mrs. Abromson were the parents of a daughter, Suzanne Fleming Abromson who married William C. H. Joiner of Glendora, New Jersey. They are the parents of two sons, William James and David Douglas Joiner. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio. *Submitted by Marian Abromson.*

The Adams Family

The Adams family originated from three brothers who were triplets and came to this country from Edenburgh, Scotland. They settled in Pennsylvania where William Adams later moved to Columbiana Co., Ohio. It is believed the other two moved to the southern states. William, a farmer, married Ann Douglas also of Scotch ancestry and they had the following children: James, John, Levi, Washington, Matthew, David, Douglass, Elizabeth and Ann. William died at the age of 60 and his wife died at age 75. They were members of the Presbyterian church.

A son, Washington Adams was born in the 1700's and married Mary Rebecca Washington. They had a son, David T. Adams, born Oct. 27, 1806. David T. died Nov. 5, 1876 in Wabash Twp., Jay Co., Ind. and was buried in Westchester Cemetery.

David T. Adams married Elizabeth Walter Adams. They had nine children: Matilda, William T., David W., Elizabeth A., James H., Joseph H. B., John F., Rebecca and Sarah S. They settled in Columbiana County, Ohio, where Mr. Adams kept a hotel in New Lisbon. Later they moved to Jay Co. in 1840. He cleared 200 acres of land, and made his home there for the remainder of his life. Clara E. Fritzinger Scott, granddaughter now owns, and lives on David W.'s 80 acre farm. The farm has been owned by the same family for over 100 years, an 1856 "Hoosier Homestead Farm". He also owned other tracks of land amounting to 1000 acres, and gave each of his children a farm before his death at age 75. Three of his sons were in the Civil War, William T., David W. and James H.

Dr. James H. Adams was born May 7, 1843 in Jay Co., Ind. He graduated in 1867 from Physio-Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio. He began the practice of medicine in Ft. Recovery, Ohio in 1867. He married Sarah H. Brown and had two children, Myrtle and Charles M. In 1895 he married Dr. Mary E. Bower, she also practiced medicine in Ft. Recovery, Ohio. Dr. Joseph H. Babcock Adams was born 1848 and died in 1922, and also practiced medicine in Ft. Recovery, and Indianapolis, Ind.

David W. Adams, also a farmer, married Harriet Jane Johnson on Jan. 23, 1850. David W. enlisted in the 89th Indiana Infantry Division and served his country for three years during the Civil War. David and Harriet had five children. A son, David Warfield (Ora) Adams, was born July 30, 1863 in Wabash Twp., Jay Co., Indiana. Twin daughters, Lillian E. Adams and Mary Ellen "Minnie" Adams were born Oct. 27, 1866 in Wabash Twp., Jay Co., Ind. Lillian married Andrew Fritzinger Nov. 23, 1901 and Mary Ellen married John Luttman, Dec. 10, 1881. A daughter, Rosetta M. Adams, born March 26, 1860 in Wabash Twp., Jay Co., Ind., married Dr. Augustus Ralston Dec. 3, 1883. A son, Seth A. Adams, born May 30, 1875, married Emma Dixon.

Lillian and Andrew Fritzinger had two children, Frederick and Clara E.—Frederick married Fay Davis they had two daughters, Betty Jean Fritzinger Strickler and Barbara Sue Fritzinger Gast. Clara E. married Forrest D. Scott and had eight children, Robert Glen, William Andrew, Vera Pauline Scott Walker, Virgie Irene Scott White, Vada Emogene Scott Turner, Lillian Bernadine Scott Bevans, Burl Richard and Bruce Edward, stillborn.

David W. Adams

David Warfield (Ora) Adams married Hettie (Arville) Hubbard on Sept. 30, 1886. Ora was a timber buyer. David Warfield (Ora) and Hettie had a son, Hervie Adams, born Aug. 11, 1896.

Hervie Adams was married to Velma Gibson Adams Marchant and had three children. A son, David William Adams, and daughters were: Irene Adams Ledbetter and Mary Adams Johnson. Hervie married the second time to Edith Wooster and they had three children: a son, John, who at the age of 14 was a victim of the flood in Ridgeville, Ind.; two daughters, Betty Adams Evans and Donna Adams Smith.

David William Adams was married to Mildred Craig, and they had four children: Lois E. Adams Brock, Norma Jean Adams Laycock, twins David W. Adams and Debbie Kay Adams McConnell, born Dec. 28, 1952.

David W. Adams married Sylvia Ruth Wisler and they had two sons, David William, born Sept. 12, 1971 and Darrin DeWight, born Nov. 2, 1978.

There were seven generations of "David Adams".

The family has produced four doctors: Dr. James H. Adams, Dr. Mary E. "Bower" Adams, Dr. Joseph Hugh Babcock Adams and Dr. Augustus Ralston. They all practiced in Ft. Recovery, Ohio. New Corydon, and Geneva, Ind. area. There were four druggists including John F. Adams who was engaged in business with his two brothers Dr. James and Dr. Joseph in Ft. Recovery, Ohio. Amos Houser husband of Mary R. Adams Houser was a druggist in New Corydon, Ind. and his son, Leon Houser, who was the first licensed pharmacist in 1895 in Jay County. Also, Catherine L. White, licensed July 28, 1980, the great granddaughter of Lillian E. Adams Fritzinger and Andrew Fritzinger. There have also been four nurses: Mildred P. Adams, Betty Jean Fritzinger Strickler, Dorothy Jean Shaffer Shoemaker, and Debra E. Bevans Manns, graduated Dec. 21, 1979, from IUPU. *Submitted by Clara E. Scott.*

The Adams—Roe Families

John Adams and Nancy Margaret Brock were natives of Kentucky. They were married there. Nancy was one-half Cherokee Indian. She was born in 1854, and died in 1954. John and Nancy Margaret were parents of five children: Rose Lea, Don, Annie Sidney, John Robert, and Emma Catherine. Emma Catherine married Clarence Carlton Roe, the adopted son of Judge Roe. His wife, Nora, was Clarence's mother, but the father had died young, and she

The children of Nancy Brock. Standing: Bill, Nancy, Nova Simon and Clarence Carlton Roe. Seated: Rose, Annie Sidney and Emma Catherine.

married Judge Roe. She also had a daughter, Maggie Grayson Galligher. She died in 1945.

Emma Catherine was born in Clark County, Ky., while Clarence was born in Fayette County, Ky. They lived on a farm for many years. They were married Nov. 13, 1908. They had eight children: Margaret married Charles McDonald, and had six children: Charles Levi, John Charles, Elizabeth Marie, Leona Frances, Paul and Billie Frank. After Charles death, Margaret married Oscar Ray. They had one son, Jimmie.

Aaron Roe married Alma Jefferson. They lived in Fairmount, In. with their five children: Mig, Mary Agnes, William, Jerry and Michael.

Frances Roe married Charles Gregory, they became parents of Joe Franklin, Edna Jean, Julie, and Mark.

Rosa Lea married George Hutchins, and came to Jay County shortly after their marriage. George operated several service stations for different gas companies, Rosa Lea became a nurse aide at the Jay County Hospital, after George's death. Their children are Brenda Hartley, Bonnie Grigsby, Linda Aker, and Donald Hutchens.

John Robert Roe married Dorothy Lenora________. They live in Alabama. Their children are Robin, John Jr., Sherry and Buckie.

Ernest Harlan died at four years. Sidney Edward maried Dorothy McCormick April 6, 1939. He was employed at the Portland Forge for 23 years. He is retired because of illness. They came to Jay County in 1949, from Paris, Kentucky. Their marriage and home were enriched by Shelby, who married Robert Denney. They live in Rockford, Ohio. Their children are Tony and Matthew, and they raised a little girl, Della Miller.

James Lee Roe married Shirley Lykins. They moved to Oklahoma. There, they became parents of Kay Lee, Amy Marie, James David, Rachel and Michelle.

Edward Thomas Roe died at six months, and is buried at Clintonville, Ky. Sue Ellen was adopted at five months, and lives in Illinois.

Roberta Margaret married Gordon Holcomb. Later they divorced. They had Teresa May, who married Robert Lee Smith, and are parents of Gina and Garrett. They live in Winchester, In. Gordon Lynn Holcomb, their son, grew up in Portland. *Submitted by Roberta Roe Thomas.*

The Henry Alig Family

Henry George Alig was the grandson of John Alig (February 5, 1828-April 26, 1909) who came to America from Konigreich Bavern, Germany, in the 1830's, and Veronica (Reitz) Alig (July 10, 1839-October 5, 1921). Henry was the son of William (March 26, 1871-December 29, 1960) and Veronica (Krieg) Alig (August 6, 1873-December 13, 1950) who had five children: John (February 15, 1898-November 1, 1969), Joseph, who died in childhood; Sebastian ("Bostie"-August 2, 1902), Catherine (LaFontaine-September 5, 1904), and Henry (July 1, 1907-January 16, 1972).

Henry married Philomena Catherine Homan (November 4, 1909) on October 15, 1935. Philomena ("Minnie") was the daughter of Gerhard and Catherine (Muhlenkamp) Homan who had six children: Dora (Schmitt), Othilia (Schenking); Alma (Post), Thresia (Heitkamp), Philomena; and Bertha (Sister M. Mirabilis, S.F.P.).

Gerhard Homan's parents were Gerhard and Maria Katherina (Rhein) Homan. Catherine (Muhlenkamp) Homan's parents were Herman and Elizabeth (Emmerich) Muhlenkamp.

Henry and Philomena had five children: Norman William (August 10, 1936), Alvin Gerhard (April 28, 1938), Kenneth John (January 24, 1941), Dale William (June 3, 1944), and Lucy LAnn Thresia (February 21, 1952).

Henry attended St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Indiana, and then returned home to take over his father's farm in Wabash Township on Jay County Road 60. In 1942 he purchased and moved to a farm in Noble Township on the Indiana-Ohio State Line Road and lived there with his family until his death in 1972. He had also purchased his father's farm in Wabash Township. In 1977 Philomena sold the home farm to her son Alvin, who is presently renting the farm to his brother Norman. Philomena is now living in St. Anthony, Ohio. She still owns the home place of William Alig which is also farmed by Norman.

Norman married Hilda Heuker (b. October 2, 1939), daughter of Loretta (Rammel) and the late Henry Heuker, Ft. Recovery, Ohio. They have five children: Madonna Jean (August 10, 1962), Gregory Kenneth (July 25, 1963), David Dale (September 19, 1968), Kathleen Ann (December 15, 1971), and Rick Edwin (June 11, 1975). Norman lives a mile south of St. Anthony on State Route 49 in Mercer County, Ohio. Norman has a pork and poultry operation and manages over 600 acres of farmland in both Jay County and in Mercer County, Ohio.

Alvin married Joyce Brumm (July 17, 1941), daughter of Luther and Marie (Jetter) Brumm, Ft. Recovery, Ohio on November 22, 1962. They have three daughters: Lorna Marilyn (March 18, 1966), Brenda LuRie (October 21, 1968), and Colleen Bea (May 22, 1973). They live a mile north of St. Henry on the St. Henry-Burkettsville Road in Mercer County, Ohio. Alvin is a tool maker for the Coldwater Machine Company in Coldwater, Ohio, and Joyce is the Director of the Mercer County Museum in Celina, Ohio.

1971. Seated: Philomena and Henry. Standing: Lucy Ann, Dale, Kenneth, Norman and Alvin.

Kenneth married Beatrice Garke August 13, 1944, daughter of Ann (Ahrns) and the late Raphael Garke, Ft. Recovery, Ohio on July 17, 1965. They have six children: Angela Marceil (January 13, 1967), Julia Ann (February 20, 1969), Lisa Marie (July 17, 1971), Randal Henry (February 17, 1974), Craig Raphael (September 12, 1979), and Diane Renee (August 12, 1981). Kenneth works in assembly at Pax Steel Products in Coldwater, Ohio. They live near St. Peter on Siegrist-Jutte Road in Mercer County, Ohio.

Dale married Janet Gehle September 14, 1946, daughter of Victor and Iona (Remaklus) Gehle, Celine, Ohio on March 15, 1968. They have four children: Brian William (September 15, 1968), Kevin John (March 16, 1971), Jason Francis (October 3, 1973), and Dawn Marie (May 25, 1979). Dale is a computer programmer for the Minister Machine Company in Minster, Ohio. They live in New Bremen, Ohio.

Lucy Ann married Steven Nieport (September 16, 1952), son of Anthony and Dolores (Abels) Nieport, St. Henry, Ohio), on January 31, 1976. They have two children: Kathryn Marie, born February 2, 1979, and Matthew Joseph, January 14, 1982.

Lucy Ann is a secretary at Teledyne for the National Farmers Organization's Dairy Office in Celina, Ohio. They reside in St. Henry, Ohio. (See William Alig, John Alig, and Gerhard Homan histories.) *Submitted by Lucy Ann Nieport.*

John Alig

John William Alig (February 15, 1898-November 1, 1969) was the grandson of John Alig who came to America from Konigreich Baverin, Germany, and lived until April 26, 1909 in Jay County, Indiana. He was the son of William and Veronica (Krieg) Alig who had five children: John, Joseph, Sebastian, Catherine, and Henry.

Hilda Philomena (Droesch) Alig (July 28, 1903) was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Boeckman) Droesch from Chickasaw, Ohio. They had five children: Regina, Martha, Hilda, Isadore, and Marie. Her grandparents came over to this country from Germany.

John and Hilda were married August 31, 1921, at St. Anthony Church at St. Anthony, Ohio. They had ten children: Jerome, Donald, Ralph, Dorothy, Viola, John, Jr., Joseph, Richard, Berniece, and Rosemary. They resided on a farm in Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana. They lived there all their lives. Their home, which was built by John's grandfather who came over from Germany, was given an award last year for being one of the oldest houses in Jay County and being in one family name. John passed away on November 1, 1969. Hilda still resides there.

Jerome married Evelyn Barga. They have four children: James, Robert, Joann, and David. James married Judith Reinhard, Robert married Nancy Jutte, Joann married Mark Heitkamp. Jerome and Evelyn reside on a farm in Jay County, Indiana.

Donald married Vera Muhlenkamp. They have six children: Lorraine, Karen, Roger, Gary, Mary Ann, and William. Lorraine married Dan Howey, Karen married Dale Barton. Donald and Vera reside on a farm in Jay County, Indiana.

Ralph Alig died May 31, 1948, from a drowning accident.

Dorothy married Arthur Buschur. They had nine children: Thomas, Patricia, Anthony, Eleanor, Mark, Jane, Ann, Keith, and Arthur. Arthur Buschur died in 1963. Dorothy married Gregor Hein. He had two daughters from a previous marriage: Mary Ann and Patricia Hein. Gregor and Dorothy have two daughters: Lois and Linda Hein. They resided in Franklin Township, Montezuma, Ohio. Gregor passed away on September 29, 1979. Thomas married Carol Heitkamp, Anthony married Glenda Now, Eleanor married Ronald Boeckman, and Patricia Hein married Michael Wappelhorst.

Viola Alig was born April 26, 1929 and died May 1, 1929.

John Alig married Marceil Muhlenkamp. They have six children: Rita, Eileen, Kathy, Susan, Paul, and Michael. Rita married Steve Butcher, Eileen married Jeff Bickel, and Kathy married Russel Clark. John and Marceil reside on a farm in Jay County, Indiana.

Joseph Edmund Alig was born December 26, 1932, and died July 2, 1934 from an automobile accident.

Richard Alig married Jeanette Wellman. They have six children: Steve, Ralph, Barbara, Nancy, Charles, and Connie. They live on a farm in Butler Township on State Route

February 15, 1968. Seated: John and Hilda. Standing: Rosemary, Berniece, Donald, John (Jr.), Dorothy, Donald and Jerome.

219 west of Coldwater, Ohio. Steve married Mary Jo Jones.

Berniece married Elmo Buehler. They have five children: Douglas, Deborah, David, Darlene, and Denna. Deborah married Oakland Roberts. David died in infancy. Berniece and Elmo reside in Coldwater, Ohio.

Rosemary Alig married Edgar Heitkamp. They have four daughters: Kelley, Kimberle, Kristen, and Karla. They reside in Butler Township on State Route 219 west of Coldwater, Ohio. (See William Alig and Henry Alig histories.) *Submitted by Dorothy Hein.*

The William Alig Family

William Alig's father, John, was born February 5, 1828, Konigreich Bavern, Germany, and lived until April 26, 1909, in Jay County, Indiana. He came to America in the 1830's. He had a name of a relative and an Ohio city to find. He lost the paper containing this information. He arrived in New Orleans, traveled the Mississippi River north. He worked in the wheat fields of Kansas. Eventually, he arrived at Tiffin, Ohio, about 1857 and married Veronica Reitz. (July 10, 1839-October 5, 1921) in 1858. In the 1860's they moved to Jay County. John and Veronica had six children: John (September 9, 1859-December 4, 1926, who never married); Lawrence, unmarried; Adam Henry (July 9, 1867-August 22, 1930); Joseph, who died in childhood; William (March 26, 1871-December 29, 1960), and George (August 24, 1878-August 14, 1971).

William married Veronica Krieg (August 6, 1873-December 13, 1950) in February, 1896, and lived on a farm in Wabash Township on Jay County Road 60. They had five children: John William (February 15, 1898-November 1, 1969); Joseph, who died in childhood at about the age of a year and a half; Sebastian (August 2, 1902); Catherine (September 5, 1904); and Henry George (July 1, 1907-January 16, 1972).

The eldest child, John, married Hilda Droesch and had ten children: Jerome (July 28, 1922), Donald (March 29, 1924), Ralph (March 7, 1926-May 31, 1948), Dorothy (Buschur-Hein, August 14, 1927), Viola (died in infancy), John, Jr. (December 27, 1930), Joseph (died at 2 years of age), Richard (January 15, 1935), Berniece (Buehler, August 9, 1936), and Rosemary (Heitkamp, March 18, 1943). Hilda survives her husband and lives on Jay County Road 223.

Sebastian (''Bostie'') married Gladys Allen (July 20, 1907) and lives in Binghamton, New York. They have five children: Shirley (July 24, 1935), Ronald (March 8, 1937), Joan (June 14, 1939), William (December 11, 1940), and Norbert (July 28, 1942). Shirley lived in London, England, for several years working as a registered nurse and is now living and working in Binghamton, New York.

Sebastian's next child, Ronald, married Betsy Baldwin (August 8, 1938) and has four children: Joseph (April 10, 1968), Patricia (April 19, 1969), John (November 21, 1970, and Julie (August 5, 1972). Ron and Betsy are living in Binghamton, New York.

Joan married Francis J. McManus (September 28, 1935) and has four children: Kathleen (June 19, 1961), Timothy (September 21, 1965), Francis (October 15, 1968), Christopher (December 30, 1969). Joan and Francis also reside in Binghamton.

William married Sally Hemenway (September 5, 1941) and has two children: Deborah (August 2, 1965), and David (May 14, 1968). They live in Binghamton, also.

50th Anniversary, 1946. Standing: John, Sebastian, Henry. Seated: William, Veronica and Catherine.

Norbert married Madeline Degma (June 25, 1946). They live in Binghamton, New York.

The fourth child of William and Veronica, Catherine, married Walter E. LaFontaine (January 28, 1906-March 5, 1979) and lives in Erie, Pennsylvania. They had three children: Thelma (May 16, 1927), Howard (November 6, 1928-July 4, 1979), and James (January 22, 1935). Their first child, Thelma, married Myron L. Johnson (April 10, 1923), and had six children: Marcia (March 11, 1949), Gail (June 21, 1951), Bruce (November 16, 1953), Diane (July 3, 1957), Beverly (December 2, 1960), and Susan (July 3, 1962). Thelma and Myron live in Wooster, Massachusetts.

Their next child, Howard, married Bettly Lou Emling (December 27, 1930) and had five children: Karen (May 9, 1951), Debra (June 21, 1953) Janet (August 17, 1955), David (October 25, 1957), and Deidra (July 14, 1953). Betty survives her husband and lives in Erie, Pennsylvania.

The youngest, James, married Chiquita L. Detrick (March 23, 1935) and had five children: Christopher (February 18, 1958), Douglas (June 21, 1960), Renee (November 24, 1963), James (July 27, 1965), and Andrea (January 6, 1967). In 1972 James married Laurie Schiemann and they are living in Cleveland, Ohio.

The fifth and youngest child of William and Veronica, Henry, married Philomena Catherine Homan on October 15, 1935, and had five children: Norman (August 10, 1936), Alvin (April 28, 1938), Kenneth (January 24, 1941), Dale (June 3, 1944), and Lucy Ann (Nieport)(February 21, 1952). Philomena survives her husband and now lives in St. Anthony, Ohio. The home farm of William and Veronica is still in her possession. (See Henry Alig and John Alig histories.) *Submitted by Lucy Ann Nieport.*

The John Arn Family

The Arn Jewelry Store at 106 West Main Street, Portland, was the center of attraction for many years in the business section of the city. The owners were John and Claudia Arn.

Customers came long distances to the Arn's Store to shop because of the quality of their merchandise and the watch and clock repair done by John.

John Arn was the son of Fred and Dina Wittwer Arn and was born on June 21, 1892, on a farm north of Geneva in Wabash Township, Adams County, Indiana. Fred Arn had immigrated from Switzerland in 1881 and located in Adams County. There he met and married Dina Wittwer, the daughter of natives of Switzerland. They were the parents of four children: John, Homer, Ella Arn and Cora Fetters. All are deceased except Cora who lives in Fort Wayne. Ella worked at the Jay Garment Company for several years. John served in the United States Army during World War I.

Claudia Beatrice Buckmaster was born in Jefferson Township, Adams County on January 15, 1901, the daughter of Jesse A. and Harriet Brewster Buckmaster. She attended school in Jefferson Township and graduated from Geneva High School in 1918. She attended Indiana University and Muncie Normal School (now Ball State University) and taught school in Adams County for five years. She moved to Portland with her parents in 1923.

John and Claudia were married by the Reverend J. H. Nall, pastor of the United Brethern Church on June 16, 1923. They made their home in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where John was an apprentice as a watch maker under Karl Klingler, a native of Germany. John wished to have a store of his own, so they moved to Portland in the early 1930's and he opened his first store over what is now the Brewster's Jewelry Store on North Meridian Street. His business increased so he moved to 106 West Main Street. The Arn Jewelry Store was in business for about forty years. John died August 1, 1960 and Claudia continued operating the business until she sold it in October 1968.

The family was active in community affairs. All of the family were members of the First Presbyterian Church and Claudia was ordained elder of the church. John was a member of the American Legion, the Portland Country Club, the Elks Club and the Eagles Lodge. Claudia belonged to the Delta Theta Tau Sorority, the American Legion Auxiliary, Civil Defense and was always involved in many charitable organizations. She died April 12, 1979. Both Claudia and John are buried in the Greenpark Cemetery.

John Arn's Jewelry Store after remodeling in 1946.

Five daughters were born to this union. Gene Eileen was born in Portland on April 13, 1924; Joy Ann was born on November 20, 1925 and Jacqueline Lou was born September 11, 1927, both in Fort Wayne. Patricia Kay was born on July 30, 1929 and Claudia Diane on December 28, 1936 in Portland. The girls all attended the Christian College in Columbia, Missouri. Patricia later received a degree from Indiana University and Diane attended Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana.

Gene and her husband, Morris Robbins, live in Indianapolis and both work with the Metro of Indianapolis. Jacqueline and William Hunter, a retired lawyer, are on special volunteer services in Montana at this time. Their home is in Winchester, Indiana. Patricia and William Miller live in Indianapolis and are owners of a lumber business there. Diane and Bill Kennaught live in Marion,Indiana, where Diane is doing social work and Bill is a tool designer and a musician. Joy Ann and Carl (Tom) Harmon are both deceased and are buried at Grand Rapids, Michigan. One granddaughter, Diana Kay Schoenlein Bantz, is deceased and buried at Dunkirk, Indiana.

The grandchildren of the Arn's have chosen a variety of careers and professions as follows: Nursing: Beth Ann Harmon Ramsey and Claudia Smith; Mid-wifery: Sally Miller; Doctors: Kristin Miller and Thomas Smith (in Medical College); Teacher: Margie Harmon Osborn; School Transportation: Connie Schoenlein; Social Work: Lisa Mumaugh Patterson; Computer Techician: Lori Mumaugh Kay; Restaurant Management: Debbie Kennaugh; Business: Barbara Smith Cox, Susan Smith, George Smith, Curtis Smith, Thomas Miller, Benjamin Miller, Steve Kennaugh and Bonnie Kennaugh; Students at home: Patricia Harmon, Libby, Tony, Jeff and Jennifer Kennaugh. *Submitted by Gene Arn Robbins.*

C. E. Arnold

Marjorie Lucile Avey was born January 17, 1916, the second child of Elmer Horace and Edith Pearl (Priest) Avey. She spent her childhood and teen years at the home place in Jackson Township, Jay County. She attended the Poling School and graduated from its High School.

While working in Ft. Wayne after graduation, Marjorie met Curtis Elmer Arnold of southern Indiana who was also working in Ft. Wayne and they were married August 7, 1945. They lived in several localities including short sojourns in Ft. Wayne, Jay County and several locations in southern Indiana. However, most of their married life was spent in Washington County near Little York in the Salem and Scottsburg, Indiana, area.

To this union were born three children: Rita Mae, born April 4, 1948; Dottie Ann, born September 6, 1951; and Marcus Elmer, born July 30, 1953. All three children graduated from the Salem, Indiana, High School.

Rita Mae married Michael Leon Probus of Louisville, Kentucky, on December 20, 1969. To this union were born Desmond Lee Probus on June 1, 1973, and Jennifer Marie Probus on July 2, 1978.

Dottie Ann married Gary Michael Newby of Washington County, Indiana, on August 6, 1971. To this union were born Lisa Ann Newby on December 24, 1974, and Michelle Marie Newby on November 5, 1977.

Marjorie (Avey) and
Curtis Arnold

Marcus Elmer married Loretta Brown, a nearby young lady, on April 17, 1980. They live on the home place near Little York, Washington County, Indiana.

Both of the daughters and their husbands live in southern Indiana, with Rita Mae and husband living in Jeffersonville and Dottie Ann and husband living on a farm near Salem in Washington County. The Newbys have the distinction of having one of those earth homes built in the side of a hill.

Marjorie's husband passed away on November 11, 1978, and is buried in the Little York Cemetery.

Richard D. Arnold Family

Samuel W. Arnold, Richard's great-grandfather, moved from Montgomery County, Ohio to a farm in Noble Township near Bellefountain in 1865. He served with Co. C 40th Indiana Regiment during the Civil War. Samuel and Elizabeth (Warner) Arnold had seven children. John Dockery Arnold, Richard's grandfather, was born in Bellefountain in 1869. John was a well known baseball player as a young man. He later worked with a circus owned by his father-in-law. He and his wife, Minnie (Huey) Arnold-farmed and then later owned and operated the Bellefountain Grocery and later the grocery at Bluff Point. John and Minnie had 11 children. Forrest Gerald Arnold, Richard's father, was born near Bellefountain in 1909. He worked at Sheller Manufacturing for 19 years. He then became co-owner of the American Bar at 318 North Meridian, now located at 211 West Main. He and his wife, Hazel (Tharp) Arnold retired from their business in 1975. They had three children: Richard Duane, Jerry Joe, and Sylvia. Richard D. was born in Portland in 1928.

Richard has been associated with newspapers of the county for over 40 years. His newspaper career started at age 12 as a carrier for the Commerical Review (the Portland daily). During his high school years he worked for the paper on Saturdays and after school in the pressroom mailing department. He graduated from Portland High School in 1946 and left Portland for a year to work for the Indianapolis News in circulation in the Muncie and Marion areas. He returned to the Commercial Review, on South Commerce, as a pressman. In 1949 he went to work in make-up composition and as linotype operator with the newly formed weekly paper, the Graphic, located in the Caster Building at 118 East McNeil. This paper moved to the Hood Building on West Main Street in 1956 and in 1959 bought the daily newspaper, The Commercial Review. At this time Mr. Arnold was production foreman of the Graphic. In 1970 he was elected Secretary, General Manager, and in 1981 became Vice President, General Manager of the Graphic Printing Co., Inc. This position he now holds.

Richard and Janet Beard were married in the Presbyterian Church in 1949. She is the daughter of Paul H. and Velma E. (Jones) Beard. She graduated in 1947, then attended Whitworth Jr. College in Mississippi and Ball State University where she received her BS and MA degrees in Education. She has taught in the elementary schools of Portland for 22 years.

The Arnolds have resided in the home they built at 119 Rayburn Drive since 1967. They have two married sons, Steven Beard and Jeffrey Lynn.

Steven B. Arnold and Beverly Sue Brown of Portland were married in the Presbyterian Church of Portland in 1970. Both graduated from Ball State University with degrees in education. Bev has been a secondary teacher in the Jay School Corp. for the past 7 of her 12 years of teaching. Steven is Corporate Secretary and Business Manager of the Portland Service Co., Inc. where he has been employed for the past eight years. They reside on the corner of West Votaw Street and Glen Street with their children Eric Jason, 10, and Andrea Nichole, 7.

Jeffrey L. Arnold married Deborah Ann Wittman of Hagerstown in 1978. They are both Ball State University graduates with degrees in psychology. They live in Muncie with their daughter Jessica Wittman Arnold. Deb is a social worker with the Delaware County Association for Retarded Citizens and Jeff is Executive Director of Youth Services Bureau of Delaware County.

James V. Ashcraft

James Valandingham Ashcraft was born on December 8, 1862, in Wayne Township, Jay County, Indiana. James Ashcraft's father, Daniel, was born March 12, 1820, in Coshocton County, Ohio, and died on May 16, 1882, in Jay County. Daniel married Nancy Chaney on September 17, 1840. Nancy Chaney was born on September 16, 1818, in Coshocton County, Ohio, and died on October 11, 1892, in Jay County. Daniel and Nancy Ashcraft were the parents of thirteen children.

The grandfather of James Ashcraft, Jonathan, was born on October 6, 1792, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. On December 2, 1813, he married Catherine McKee in Knox County, Ohio. Catherine was born on May 20, 1796 and died on February 21, 1846. Jonathan Ashcraft died March 16, 1884. Both were residents of Coshocton County, Ohio, at the times of their deaths.

James Ashcraft's great-grandfather, also named Daniel Ashcraft, was born in 1761 in Berkley County, West Virginia. He died in 1846 in Knox County, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Sherman in 1790. Elizabeth Sherman was born about 1756 in Berkley County, West Virginia, the daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Sherman; she died after 1820.

James Ashcraft attended the Jay County schools and taught in the county schools for ten years following graduation from the Portland Normal College. On August 13, 1888, he was married to Fredericka C. Leonhard, who was born near Fort Recovery, Ohio, on July 5, 1867, the daughter of Fred and Christine Leonhard. From 1890 to

James and Fredericka Ashcraft

1900, James Ashcraft was employed in the Jay County Sheriff and Recorder's office. He then became bookkeeper and credit manager for the Cartwright and Headington Department Store. In 1911 he became associated with the First National Bank at Portland, serving as its Cashier and Vice Preident until his retirement in 1944.

James and Fredericka Ashcraft were the parents of two daughters: E. LaVern Ashcraft, who was born on March 17, 1890; and M. Delores (Ashcraft) Stilwell, who was born on March 13, 1904. LaVern Ashcraft was a teacher at the old Center School in Wabash Township for several years. She later joined the First National Bank where she was employed until her retirement. Miss Ashcraft was a resident of Jay County at the time of her death, June 16, 1980. Delores Ashcraft graduated from Earlham College after which she taught at the Portland High School. She and her husband, Carl E. Stilwell, resided in Indianapolis until her death on November 11, 1977.

James V. Ashcraft died on December 9, 1945; Fredericka Ashcraft died September 6, 1960. At the times of their deaths, Mr. and Mrs. Ashcraft lived at 604 W. Walnut Street, which had been the family home for many years.

Cloyce Keith Avey

Cloyce Keith Avey was born May 20, 1918, the third child of a family of four and the only son of Elmer Horace and Edith Pearl (Priest) Avey. He attended the Poling School in Jackson Township, Jay County, and graduated from the high school in 1935. The next four years were spent in Ball State Teachers College, graduating in 1939. While there he met his future wife, Miss Barbara White of Delaware-County, also a student at Ball State. Following graduation, he taught for two years in the Poling School. Then, the World War II being on, he joined the U. S. Air Force. Due to a health matter, he was discharged from the Air Force after about one year. However, he worked for the military as a civilian until the end of the War. In the meantime, Cloyce and Barbara were married in 1942. Barbara served as a nurse until the end of World War II.

In 1946, Cloyce and Barbara Avey moved to Oregon where Cloyce was a teacher and high school principal for ten years while Barbara became the mother of three children. Their children's names and birthdates are: Jeanne (Avey) Wellman, born June 2, 1947; John Anthony, born May 27, 1949; and William James, born September 4, 1951. All three are now living in California.

In 1956, the Avey family moved to Redding, California, where the parents taught school from 1956 to 1976. Jeanne completed her teaching credential in home economics, John completed his in elementary education and William completed his in high school English. Later, John completed a course in photography at Rochester, New York. At present, all three children are teaching school.

Cloyce and Barbara are now retired. They keep busy as active volunteers in political groups. Also, they are avid bridge players. They now reside at 1445 San Francisco St., Redding, California.

The Avey Family in 1964. Left to right: William James, Barbara (wife), Jeanne, Cloyce (husband) and Jim Anthony.

Chester L. Avey Family

Chester L. Avey was the youngest child of Taylor and Katie Avey. Chester has lived in Jay County most of his life. He worked in Ft. Wayne, and while there met Goldie Rowe. They were married August 31, 1946.

They returned to Jay County where they have farmed and worked in at Dryden Rubber Co. in Montpelier, In. Goldie has worked as Nurse's aid at the Jay County Hospital for 15 years.

They have three children: Debra L., born Feb. 25, 1957; Linda S., b. July 10, 1958; and Richard E. The girls were born in Jay County, and Richard was born in Wells Co., Bluffton.

Debra married Steve Hidy of Pennville. They lived and worked in Dunkirk at Indiana Glass Co. until this May 1981. They moved to Corpus Christi, Tx. They work for Sparkman Energy Corp.

Linda married Larry Sampley of Dunkirk, IN. Nov. 19, 1977. Linda worked at Kerr Glass, and Larry worked at the Plastic Factory at Hartford City. They moved to Corpus Christi in September this year. They are employed by the Petco Oil Co.

Richard is a junior at the Jay County High School.

Paul, the second youngest of the Taylor Avey family, married Jeanette Jean Topp, born August 18, 1933. She is the daughter of Harry and Lillie (Leis) Topp of Rensselaer, In. Their marriage took place on February 22, 1953 in Rensselaer. They have three children: Mary Ann, born Sept. 30, 1962, Paula Jean, July 29, 1955, William Lee, Oct. 3, 1962. They moved from Portage, In. in 1963 where Paul had worked in a steel mill, to Montpelier, In., where they went back to farming in Jay County. Jeanette works as a clerk in Montpelier and homemaker. Paul passed away in June 1971. *Submitted by Mrs. Chester Avey.*

Elmer Horace Avey

Elmer Horace Avey was a successful farmer and livestock producer who lived in Jackson Township, Jay County, all his life. His parents were James Madison and Eliza Jane (McKee) Avey. When a young man, he worked for a cattleman, John Riley Paxson of near Balbec. Here, he earned enough money to buy his first horse and buggy, which meant as much to him as a new sport car would mean to a youth of the 1980's. Mr. Paxson shipped cattle by railroad to the eastern states and would send Elmer to watch the cargo in transit. After working five years for Paxson, he was able to purchase an 80-acre tract of land in Jackson Township from the Superior Oil Co. for the price of $1700. The money for the transaction was borrowed from the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Bryant. He cleared the land for farming and built a house and barn. But there was one inconvenience, the land lay one-half mile away from the road to the east and also from the road to the west. Neighboring landowners on the east gave him enough land for an access lane.

On October 4, 1909, Mr. Avey purchased 48 acres to the west of his original tract from Archie L. McCollister and wife. This gave him access to the road on the west, which was the Jackson-Penn Township line. The transaction was handled by Samuel Brunson, Justice of Peace.

On August 15, 1913, Elmer was married to Edith Pearl Priest, the daughter of Newton and Aurie (Stults) Priest. They were the parents of four children: Thelora Maxine was born June 26, 1914, and married Vaughn Shoemaker who lived nearby; Marjorie Lucille was born January 17, 1916, and married Curtis Arnold of southern Indiana; Cloyce Keith was born May 20, 1918, and married Barbara White of Delaware County, Indiana; and Eileen Edith was born January 1, 1920, and married Merritt Eldon Diehm of Oregon. All four children graduated from Poling High School.

Edith and
Elmer Avey

The Oakland Methodist Church, located on State Road 18 and County Road 85 was the family's church home. The structure is now used as a family dwelling.

Horse and buggy was the family's means of transportation until the summer of 1918 when a Model T Ford, 22 h.p. 4 cyl. gas-powered vehicle was purchased. During the winter months when the road would be too muddy or rutted for the auto, the faithful horse and buggy would be put back into use. Their first radio was a Zenith battery type with a windcharger mounted on the windmill derrick to keep the battery charged.

Mr. Avey served on the Jackson Township Advisory Board for many years, was a member of Jay County Farm Bureau, held stock in the Jay County Fair Ass'n and his political preference was Republican.

Elmer was born February 5, 1878 and died September 10, 1963. His wife, Edith, was born June 14, 1887 and died December 27, 1963. They are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Pennville, Indiana, beside Elmer's father and mother.

Glen N. Avey

I, Glen Norwood Avey, am the sixth of eleven children, six boys and five girls, born to Taylor and Katie (Michael) Avey. I was born on June 24, 1918, in Jackson Township, Jay County, Indiana. I attended school for two years at the Oakland one-room school and finished my schooling at Poling in 1936. I left home after graduation and started farming west of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

I was married to Helen Schellhase in 1945. From this marriage we had two boys and two girls. My oldest son, David, lives on his own farm and has never married. My second son, Donald, is married to Donna Oetting, who is from New Haven, and they live on our home place. They have a one year old daughter, Melissa. My oldest daughter, Joan, is married to Phillip Nixon from the Washington, D.C. area,and they have an eighteen month old son, Glen Wade. Joan resigned her position as director of student activities at Western Maryland College when their son was born. My youngest daughter, Janet, has graduated from two years of college and will re-enter in January 1982. She hopes to be a laboratory technician.

I am currently engaged in farm ing with my two sons near Ossian, Indiana. In 1965, my first wife, Helen, died in 1966. I remarried to Laura Wehage in 1967. Three years ago, we built a house on the corner of our farm and we are currently living there.

I am now 63 years old and hope to retire from farming in a couple more years. After that, we plan to travel and play with the grandchildren.

James Madison Avey

James Madison Avey was born and reared in Butler County, Ohio. His grandparents were Joseph Avey and wife, who immigrated to Clermont County, Ohio, from Maryland. Early records show the Aveys originally came from Germany.

Joseph Avey and wife had a son born to their union in 1810 by the name of Jacob Avey. He married Rachel McDaniels, who was born in 1820 in Pennsylvania. Jacob and Rachel lived on a farm in Butler County, Ohio. They were the parents of seven children, one of which was James Madison Avey, born June 1, 1851.

James married Eliza Jane McKee, the daughter of Thomas Franklin and Mary (Harper) McKee. Eliza Jane was born near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on August 1, 1853. They were married September 8, 1874 in Darke County, Ohio. After marriage, they moved to an eighty acre farm about 7 miles west of Bryant in Jackson Township, Jay County. This farm had belonged to Eliza's father.

James Madison Avey was a farmer who raised livestock and grain. He also had a large drive-on scales which the neighbors used for weighing hay, livestock and grain. Several oil wells were drilled on the farm, some of which were good producers for a period of time.

James and Eliza were the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters. Their names, birth and death dates are as follows: Omer L., 6/23/1875 to 9/29/1960; Elmer Horace, 2/5/1878 to 9/10/1963; Taylor Dorman, 4/18/1881 to 11/12/1961; Marcellus Lester, 1/10/1884 to 7/5/1975; Goldie Myrtle, 12/16/1885 to 8/20/1965; Louella Belle, 2/23/1888 (still living); Alice Ann, 5/29/1890 to 12/10/1966; and Hawsie Foster, 9/5/1892 to 8/5/1956.

The three daughters and Omer lived in the state of Oregon most of their lives. The other four brothers lived in Jay County except for a few years when Marcellus (Sell) lived in Oklahoma and worked in the oil fields.

Eliza Jane (McKee) Avey's great, great grandparents, Joseph McKee and wife were married in Dublin, Ireland, about 1725, and in the same year) came to America, settling in Pennsylvania, about 100 miles west of Philadelphia, on a 400 acre homestead.

They built a log cabin but were driven out by the Indians. After three years the trouble with the Indians subsided, so they returned to their home. One cold winter day, Mrs. McKee looked out of the cabin and saw a deer that had broken through the ice on a pond and couldn't release itself. She took a butcher knife, stabbed the deer and dragged it to the cabin where it made a welcome addition to the larder.

James Madison Avey and his wife Eliza Jane are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Pennville, Jay County, Indiana. James died November 5, 1927, and Eliza died May 6, 1920.

The Eliza Jane (McKee) and James Madison Avey family. The children, seated, left to right: Alice Ann, Hawsie Foster and Louella Belle. Standing, left to right: Taylor Dorman, Marcellus Lester, Omer L., Goldie Myrtle and Elmer Horace. (Taken in 1895)

Marcellus and Linnie Avey (May 19, 1946)

Marcellus Lester Avey

Marcellus Lester Avey, better known as Sell, was the fourth son of James Madison and Eliza Jane Avey. Sell was born January 10, 1884. He learned the Morse code and served as a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad for a short time.

Sell married Minnie Downing on June 2, 1904. Minnie, who was born February 4, 1883, was the only child of Aaron and Emma (Karns) Downing. Sell and Minnie moved to Alluwe, Oklahoma, where Sell worked in the oil field. While there, they became members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in 1916. When Minnie's parents became ill and needed care, they returned to Bearcreek Township, Jay County. Not many years following her parent's death, Minnie also became ill and died June 16, 1930.

On December 5, 1932, Sell went to Henry County, Indiana, and was remarried to Linnie M. Vance. Linnie was born August 16, 1884, near Newcastle, Indiana. For the balance of their lives, Sell and Linnie lived in Bearcreek Township, one-half mile west of Bryant on the 80 acre tract of land which had formerly belonged to Aaron and Emma Downing. Sell farmed for many years until old age forced his retirement. He and Linnie were very active in the Portland Seventh Day Adventist Church on South Shanks St. He labored in the building of the present church structure and for a time served as their minister.

Sell Avey died July 5, 1975. Linnie Avey died February 1, 1979. Sell and both of his wives are buried in the Gravel Hill Cemetery west of Bryant, Indiana.

Morris B. Avey

Morris B. Avey, fifth child of Taylor and Katie, born February 28, 1917, was graduated from Polingtown High

School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served for ten years before and during World War II. He was assigned to duty on the U.S.S. Trenton, a naval cruiser, which was stationed at Boro Boro Island in the Pacific at the time of Pearl Harbor. After his discharge from the Navy he returned to Jay County, near his birth place, where he now lives and farms. Morris remained single and his hobbies are hunting deer and fishing for salmon in Minnesota and Michigan.

Robert V. Avey

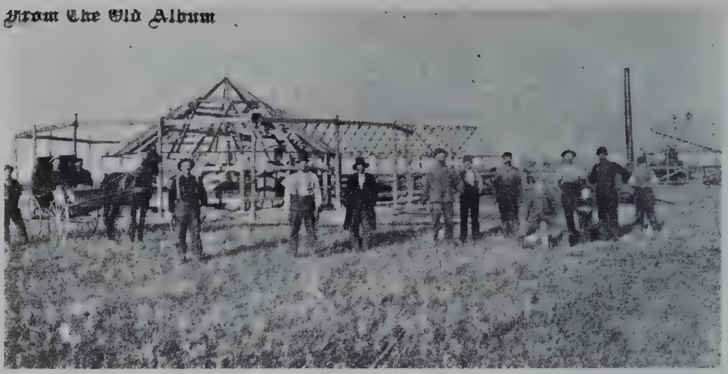
Robert Vaughn Avey was born June 13, 1918 in Jackson Township, Jay County. He is the son of Mae Lavern Alexander (1896-1955) and Haws Foster Avey (1892-1956). Mae Lavern was the daughter of Andrew Calvin Alexander (1862-1941) and Nina Florence Milligan (1870-1933). Andrew Calvin's parents, Lavina Golden (1832-1903) and Alfred Alexander (1824-1908) were the first of the Alexander's to come to Jay County. Nina Florence Milligan's parents were Samuel Homer Milligan (1846-1889) and Harriet Ann Towle (1842-1920). Samuel Homer's father, Wilson Milligan (1812-1891) came to Jay County in 1837. Wilson came from Highland County, Ohio. Haws Foster Avey (1892-1956), born in Jay County, was the son of James Madison Avey (1851-?) who came from Butler County, Ohio, and Eliza Jane McKee (1853-1920) who was from Pennsylvania.

Robert Vaughn Avey graduated from Poling High School. He presently lives in Greene Township with his wife, Berenice McClintock, who was born in 1921 in Delaware County, Ohio. Robert works at WKJG-TV 33 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and Berenice works at Swiss Village Retirement Center in Berne, Indiana. They have two children; Sandra Sue (born July 8, 1943) and Dixie Arlene (born March 6, 1951). Sandra Sue married Daniel Lee Beeler on March 9, 1963. They had four children: Hassie Yavonne (born August 20, 1963), who graduated from Jay County High (1981) and now attends Purdue University; Tressie VonEtta (born November 16, 1965), attends Jay County High; Tonya Yevette (born August 6, 1968); attends East Jay Jr. High; and Heidi Elnora (born June 8, 1970), attends Bloomfield Elementary. Daniel Lee and Sandra Sue were divorced in 1979. All four of the girls are presently very active in 4-H. Sandra Sue gaduated from Portland High School and now works at Community and Family Services, Inc. in Portland. Dixie Arlene has not married. She also graduated from Portland High School.

Taylor Avey Family

Taylor D. Avey was born April 18, 1881, son of James M. Avey, born June 1, 1851 in Butler County, Ohio, and Eliza Jane McKee Avey, born August 1, 1853. James, son of Jacob and Rachel McDaniel Avey and Eliza Jane, daughter of Thomas F. McKee and Mary A. Harper McKee, were married September 8, 1874 and moved to Jackson Township on an 80-acre farm where they lived their entire lives. Eliza Jane was of Irish decent and her family emigrated from Dublin, Ireland in 1725 to a 400-acre homestead east of the Allegany Mountains in Pennsylvania. James and Eliza Jane had five sons and three daughters.

Taylor, third child of James and Eliza Jane, married Katie L. Michael, born September 21, 1885, daughter of William and Elizabeth Phillipi Michael of Bearcreek Township. Their marriage was solemnized on February 18, 1910 at Independence, Kenton County, Ky. William and Elizabeth Michael moved to an 80-acre farm in Bearcreek Township from near Greenville, Ohio in 1882 and later added another 80 acres to their farm.



A steam power house on the James Avey farm about 1895. Left to right are the Brown brothers (in buggy), field bosses for the house construction, three unidentified carpenters, James Letts, James Avey, Raymond Stout, Charles Stout, Sell Avey, Bill Letts, Haws Avey, Bill Ninde and Taylor Avey.

Taylor and Katie moved to their farm home in Jackson Township one mile north of his birthplace where they lived their entire married lives. Taylor spent much of his life working as an oil pumper. There were oil wells on their farm as well as many in Jay County where he worked. Always interested in mechanics, he bought a "horseless carriage" (Model-T Ford) about 1914 which was a challenge for him. His interest in farming was secondary. Katie's time was spent as a homemaker and seamstress. They were the parents of eleven children: Lela E., 5/22/11; Glee M., 12/28/12; Harley H., 6/24/14; Treva M., 9/7/15; Morris B., 2/28/17; Glen N., 6/24/18; Nora Belle, 3/12/20; Wallace R., 11/29/21; Ruby D., 11/22/23; Paul E., 11/10/25; and Chester L., 11/21/27.

The older children attended Oakland grade school until it was closed in 1926. Oakland was located ¼ mile west of the home and was a one room red brick building with two pot bellied stoves and two outdoor privies. The James Avey children attended Oakland also. The building was razed soon after closing. Oakland M. E. Church was located five rods south of the school so this was the family church until the small congragation had to discontinue services. The building was sold to a private owner in the late 1960's and converted to his home.

After closing of the school, the children attended Poling Consolidated School in Jackson Township. Horse drawn hacks were used by the school system to transport the students until 1927. A kerosene stove was used to take the chill out of the hack during the winter. In 1928 the hacks were replaced with motor buses.

The great grandfather of Taylor, Thomas McKee, served in the Revolutionary War; his uncle, George W. Avey served in the Civil War and four of his sons, Harley, Morris, Wallace and Paul, served in World War II. The four sons served overseas at the same time and all four returned home after the war. Five sons are engaged in farming, (Paul E. farmed until his death in 1971). Three sons farm in Jay

County and two in Wells County. Harley worked for and is retired from the Wabash Railroad. The five daughters married and live in Allen County except Ruby who lives in Iowa where her husband serves as minister in the United Methodist Church.

Taylor died November 12, 1961 and Katie died June 28, 1971.

Wallace Avey

I, Wallace Avey, am a descendant of the McKee family. I am the eighth child of Taylor and Katie Avey. I spent four years in the army in New Guinea, Phillippines and Japan. I was in the initial landing in the Phillippines on Oct. 20, 1944. After I returned home, I have farmed and worked eight years for the Indiana Dept. of Veterans Affairs. I am married to Wilmina (Harshnon) Avey, we are the parents of one daughter, Judy (Avey) Murphy who graduated from Ball State University with a master's degree in education and lives in Noblesville with her husband Raymond.

The Axe Homestead Farm

On June 13, 1838 George Axe walked to Fort Wayne and bought a certificate for 160 acres of woodland from the government. The description for the land was the northeast ¼, section 36, township 24, north of range 14 east containing 160 acres.

On Sept. 20, 1839 he receivecd the sheepskin deed stamped with the Presidential Seal and signed by President Martin Van Buren. A log house was built where the present home stands. Logs are still in the home and some with the bark on.

George and Hannah had six children: William, Charles, George, Sarah, Peter, and Lydia.

George died in 1848. In 1849, Hannah and the heirs had to have a sale to pay debts. Some of the things on the sale bill were: stack of oak boards, $1.00; stack of lynn boards, $.50; 198 feet flooring, $1.75; wagon making tools, $3.00; 3 milk cows, $30.00; 17 sheep, $34.00; 13 chairs, $5.00; 200 lbs. lard, $8.00; 1500 lbs. bacon, 3 dollars per hundred—$45.00; 4 year colt, $50.00; gray mare, $50.00; 8 month colt, $10.00; lot of hogs in the woods—supposed to be 30 heads, $18.75; dough tray, $1.00; tools for coach making, $3.00. There were 3 pages of the sale. After the debts were paid off and expenses paid, she had $751.18½ left.

On June 1854 the heirs sold the farm to Frederick Axe. They had one daughter, the mother died at her birth. The daughter married Jeremiah Drake and on June 10, 1878 the farm was handed down to Frederick Axe and wife Samantha (Grattis) Axe. They had three children: George, Fred and Harold. Other heirs were William Axe and Ella (Axe) Smith.

The farm then was sold to Ruth Axe on Nov. 29, 1901. She later married Fred Martin. On March 20, 1914 the farm was sold to Fred J. Axe and wife Amanda (Metzner) Axe. They had three children: Ruth, Mary and William.

In August 1952, the farm was deeded to William Axe and wife Dortha I. (Bailey) Axe. They had three children: Roseamond, Judithan and Janet.

William Axe died May 7, 1959.

Dortha Axe is still living on the homestead. *Submitted by Dortha I. Axe.*

The Axe Family

The Axe family dates back to John Frederick Axe (Ocks) of Germantown, Pa. He was one of the early settlers sometime prior to 1724.

In 1837 William and Lydia (Scriber) Axe operated a carriage shop near Germantown, Pa.; employing six men. Their son George and wife Hannah (Leslie) traveled to Bearcreek Twp., Jay County; wintering in Wayne County, Ohio and arriving the next spring.

George and Hannah had five children: Frederick, William, Charles, Sarah, and Lydia. George died in 1847 and his wife died in 1888. George was the first carriage maker in Jay County, Bearcreek Twp. and built several carriages for the pioneers.

Frederick married Mary (Brown) on Nov. 24, 1851 and had five children; raising only three: William A., Ruth A., and Ella. Mary died in 1873 at the age of 40.

Frederick moved from the farm in Bearcreek Twp. to Portland in 1889. He was a member of the present Asbury U.M. Church till his death in 1901.

His son William married Samatha (Grattis) on March 2, 1879. William died in 1924 and his wife on April 11, 1938. They raised three sons: George, Fred J., and Harold. George operated the Westchester General Store for several years, then later moved to Bay City, Michigan where he died in 1946.

Fred J. Axe was married to Manda Metzner on Dec. 25, 1903. They had two daughters; Ruth and Mary; one son, William F. Axe. Fred J. Axe died Aug. 25, 1962. His wife Manda died April 17, 1969.

Ruth was married to George Montgomery Dec. 31, 1933; and they had one son, Clarel Montgomery. Clarel was married June 27, 1981 to Phyllis Myers.

Mary was married to Lewis T. James on Aug. 10, 1934.

William F. Axe was married to Dortha Baily Sept. 1931. They had three daughters: Roseamond, Judithan and Janet. Wm. F. Axe died May 7, 1959. Roseamond was married to Robert Scott. They had two daughters; Ronda, Renea and one son, Randel. The family operates the farm homesteaded by George Axe in 1839, in Bearcreek Twp. Jay County.

Judithan was married to Arthur Williamson. They have one daughter, Sandra; and one son, Brian.

Janet was married to William Anshbaugh. They have three children: Cindy, Debra, and a son, Bruce.

Harold Axe married Mabel Montgomery in Aug. 1922. They lived in Ft. Wayne from 1922-1957, when they returned to Jay County. They had one son, Robert William, born Mar. 30, 1933. Mabel died in 1964. Harold still resides on Route 4, Portland.

Robert William married Carolyn J. Logan March 26, 1955, in Ft. Wayne. They moved to their present farm home in Sept. 1957. They have three daughters: Debora, born 11/16/60; Linda, born Apr. 25, 1964; and Pamela, born July 14, 1966. They reside at Route 4, Box 195, Portland; where Robert is engaged in farming. *Submitted by Robert W. Axe.*

Ayres—Ayers

This branch of the Ayers family has been in Jay County for one hundred years and consists of six generations.

Henry Ayers was born November 13, 1834 in Richland

County, Ohio. He was the oldest of three children born to George Ayres and Esther McCart. When he was four years old they moved to Auglaize County, Ohio. He grew up there and became a farmer. He also enlisted from there as a soldier in the Civil War. After his discharge, he was married October 5, 1862 to Julia Ann Shafer, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Bubp) Shafer. They became parents of eleven children. In December 1881 they moved to Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana. He died there 1900; she, 1931.

William Edward Ayers was their second child, born February 10, 1864 in Auglaize County, Ohio. He was seventeen when he came with his parents to Jay County, and four years later he was married to Sarah Emmaline Steed, daughter of Jesse Robert Steed and Leah Kunce. He was a dealer in threshing machines and other farm implements. They had four children: Harry Franklin; Robert Guy, who was killed in World War I and for whom the Portland Post of the American Legion is named; Grace Viola, who married Raymond C. Morris; and Glenn Edward. William Edward died February 19, 1942; Sarah Emmaline died June 10, 1941.

Glenn Edward Ayers was born February 17, 1895 at Collett, Jay County, Indiana. He was an automobile mechanic and service station owner; also worked at Allison Division, General Motors in Indianapolis during World War II. He was married March 24, 1917 to Laura Brumbaugh, daughter of Joseph Brumbaugh and Fannie Gregg. They had two children: Julia Juanita, and Norman Byron. Glenn Edward Ayers died December 8, 1949, and is buried at Green Park Cemetery, Portland. Laura Brumbaugh Ayers later married Benjamin W. Hawkins. Julia Juanita Ayers was born March 17, 1918 at Portland. She was married September 21, 1937 to Kenneth Lowell Miller, son of Charles Miller and Grace Edna Bennett. They both graduated from Portland High School in 1936. He later graduated from Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1954. They left Portland for Indianapolis in 1941; later both worked in Danville, Indiana and Indianapolis, and moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1965. They have one daughter, Sara Ann, born September 5, 1939. She married Robert E. Montgomery of Danville, Indiana, and has two children: Nancy Ann and Kenneth Robert.

Norman Byron Ayers was born May 31, 1921 at Portland. He graduated from Portland High School, is a machinist and has spent his working years at Indianapolis and Portland. May 16, 1948 he married Nilda Jean George, daughter of Sprugeon Haskins George and Maude Hazel. They live in the house he grew up in, three miles north of Portland. They have six children: Christine; Byron Edward; Gordon Alan; Michael Douglas; Julie Ann; and David Bruce.

Byron Edward Ayers was born at Portland on June 24, 1951. He graduated from Portland High School, served in the United States Navy, and is employed at the Portland Drop Forge. On October 11, 1975 he was married to Deborah Ann Foulk of West Liberty, Ohio. They have two sons: Matthew Edward and Joshua Alan—the sixth generation of this branch.

John Bailey

John P. Bailey was born in Noble Twp., Jay Co., July 22, 1889, the son of Peter and Rebecca (Ehrhart) Bailey, natives of Jay Co. His parents were married on Oct. 27, 1876. John's father was born March 21, 1854 and died Nov. 2, 1920. His mother was born Oct 2, 1854 and died on Nov. 28, 1895 leaving five children: Charles W., James T., William C., John P., and Mary O. In 1896 his father married again and had two more children, Philo and Deeta.

In the spring of 1914, John met Lydia Sherman at a Grange meeting and on Feb. 10, 1915, they were married at Salamonia. She was born in Wayne Twp., Jay Co. on May 24, 1892, the daughter of Leroy Howard and Mary Eliza (McNier) Sherman. Her parents were married on Sept. 24, 1887 at Collett in Jay Co. and had twelve children: Fredrick O., Lydia G., Rupert A., Viola M., Mable L., Lewis W., Marion F., Florence, Frank, Lawrence, Mary E., and Ronald. Her father was born in Logan Co., Ohio on Feb. 11, 1865 and died in Jay Co. in 1920. Her mother was born in Ohio in 1868 and died at the age of 92.

Following their marriage, John and Lydia moved to his farm in Bearcreek Twp., and during the depression worked very hard to keep the farm prospering. He kept bees and sold honey for many years as well as raised chickens, rabbits, and milk cows. Besides farming, he worked at Shellers Co. in Portland. Lydia would make all kinds of baked goods to sell and usually had orders in advance. They were members of Westchester Church where he was one of the superintendents and she was a Sunday school teacher. They were both active in the Grange and Farm Bureau. She belonged to the Home Ec. Club and was a 4-H leader for about ten years. During world War II John and the three older children, Orval, Helen, and Dorotha worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti, Mich.

John and Lydia's five children were born and raised on the farm and all graduated from Bryant High School. Orval Leroy never married and lives in Pennville, Helen Maxine, (Mrs. John Fidler lives in Ypsilanti, Mich. and has three daughters: Diane, Debbie and Dawn. Dorotha Pauline, (Mrs. George Bunsold) lives in Bearcreek Twp. on the home place. Barbara Jean (Mrs. Kenneth Moses), lives in Penn Twp. and has five children: Linda, Bonita, Kenneth (Kem), Ginger, and Michael. John Ward married Crystal Dollar, and lives in Blackford Co. Ind. and has three children: Mary Ellen, Shan, and Barry. There are also twelve great-grandchildren.

Baily family, 1941. Front: Lydia Gertrud, John Ward and John P. Back: Dorothy P., Orval L., Helen M. and Barbara J.

John P. died at the Bluffton Clinic in Wells Co. Ind. on Nov. 24, 1964 at the age of 75 and is buried in Green Park Cemetery in Portland. Lydia remained on the farm until 1971 when her daughter, Dorotha, and husband, George, bought the farm. She then moved to Pennville where at the age of 89 she and her son Orval now reside. *Submitted by Linda Kirkpatrick.*

Bailey

John Ward Bailey was born in Bearcreek Twp. on the family farm on Dec. 11, 1935. His parents, the late John P. Bailey died Nov. 24, 1964 and Lydia (Sherman) Bailey, now 89, lives in Pennville, Ind.

John has one brother, Orval Leroy and three sisters, Mrs. John (Helen Maxine) Fidler, Mrs. George (Dorotha Pauline) Bunsold, and Mrs. Kenneth (Barbara Jean) Moses. He attended Bryant High School and graduated in 1953. John joined the Army in 1954 and was discharged in 1956 then attended Purdue University for one and one half years. He started working at Fisher Body in Marion, Ind. in 1957 and is presently employed there.

John W. Bailey family—taken November 1969. Seated: Crystal, Shan, John, Barry. Standing: Mary Ellen.

In 1953 John met Crystal Irene Dollar. They were married on June 30, 1957 at the Roll United Methodist Church in Blackford Co. Ind. She was born in Wells Co. Ind. on Dec. 24, 1938, the daughter of Harrold Jefferson and Lucy Helen (Blevins) Dollar. She has three brothers and three sistes. Mrs. Darrell (Connie Carolyn) Whitesell, Isaac Edward Dollar, Mrs. Steve (Beaula Katherine) Sprunger, Mrs. Merrill (Josephine Elizabeth) Butterfield, Harrold Dean Dollar and Acecy Willard Dollar. Crystal's parents are presently living in Hartford City, Ind.

Crystal graduated from Roll High School in 1956 and attended Marion Business College. John and Crystal have three children, they were all born at the Blackford Co. Hospital in Hartford City, Ind. Their daughter, Mary Ellen, was born on Aug. 25, 1958 and married Raymond Everett Turner on July 7, 1979. They have one son, Gary Allen, and one daughter, Kristy Ray. She has one step son, John Wesley. Their son, Shan Ian Bailey was born on March 13, 1960 and is still at home. Their son, Barry Lynn Bailey, was born on Jan. 15, 1965 and is a junior at Blackford High School.

John and Crystal and sons live in the country in Blackford Co. Ind. John has been active in Masonic Lodge and boy scouts and a 4-H leader. Crystal has been a 4-H leader and helped with cub scouts and is a member of Eastern Star. Both enjoy square and round dancing and camping. *Submitted by Linda kirkpatrick.*

Peter Bailey

In the early years of George III reign, there was a widespread agrarian revolt in Ireland. The pressure of tithes, rack-rents, the hearth tax, persecution by Church courts, forced labor, the raising of rents when leases fell in, led to bloody encounters and the first mass exodus of Irishmen to America, among them were the Baileys.

Our great, great, great grandfather, Peter Bailey, was born in Bedford Co., Belfast Township, March 17, 1791 and was said to have referred to himself as "Pennsylvania Irish" but presently our recorded family history begins in Fairfield Co., Ohio on June 17, 1828, with the birth of Peters son, James Peter Bailey. When James was very young, he moved with his parents to Perry Co., Ohio and after a few years residence there the family moved further westward to Darke Co., Ohio. After helping his parents clear timber for a new homestead, he struck out for the then wilderness of Jay Co., Indiana in 1849. In 1851, he married Abigail Cook and their son, Peter, continued the lineage. Peter was born in 1854 and like his father before him, established himself in Jay Co. as a successful area farmer. He married Rebecca Ehrhart, the daughter of a rather colorful farmer from south of Brice. To the marriage were born five children, William Clinton Bailey, being our grandfather. William C., (Bill), was noted in the community as being hardworking, industrious and honest. He married Ethel Roxie Morehous and to the marriage were born Ruth (Barger), Lois Bailey, W. Wayne Bailey and Nellie (Morrical). The Morehouse family came to Indiana about 1836 from Hector, New York. The family was an old one, its roots going back to Huddersfield, England where Thomas Morehouse was born. He immigrated from England to Watertown, Mass., in the 1620's. Family legend has it that Thomas later married an original child passenger on the Mayflower.

Upon Wilbur Morehous's arrival in what was to become Jay Co., Noble Township, one story remains. His wife, Mary, upon arriving with him by wagon from New York, sat upon one of her trunks and wept, beseeching Wilbur for bringing her to such "a god foresaken place."

The marriage of William and Ethel Bailey produced not only children but also a land coalition of two old county families merging the land holdings into one unit. Like most farmers during the 1920's and 30's, William C. was searching for an enterprise which would provide greater oppor tunity than the land itself might offer. It was this nature which lead the family thru Reg. Jersey and Angus catttle, hogs and poultry. It was really the egg business which was successful enough to provide funds to venture into a new field which sparked his imagination—hybrid seed corn. The business grew very slowly during the first decade and with William C. and Ethel's tragic death in the early 1950's, the family business was still as much a farm as an ongoing seed business. It was not really until the late 1950's and 1960's that the business grew into a major part of the tri-state industry under the direction of W. Wayne Bailey, our father.

Bailey family

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Married to Emma Irene (Koon) in 1940, all three sons are active in the family business. J. William Bailey married to L. Lee (Lawrence) of Bucks Co., Penn. with two children, Bill and Peter. Bruce A. Beiley married to Patricia J. (Beck) of Jay Co., with two children, Tamara and Michelle and Bevan W. Bailey married to Ronda (Scott) of Jay Co.

The family and family business continues to grow despite the adversity of the 1976-77 and 1977-78 winters and the 1981 spring which left much of Jay Co. unplanted. It is our intention to provide the quality products and community committments first established by forefathers over 100 years ago in Jay Co. *Submitted by J. William Bailey.*

The Peter P. Bailey Family

Peter P. Bailey was born May 24, 1839 in Perry County, Ohio, the son of Peter and Elizabeth (Porter) Bailey. The father was born March 17, 1791, probably Belfast Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, which later became Fulton County. He married first, Margaret Cline, and they had a daughter, Mary, born January 12, 1820, who married, on January 8, 1846, to Elijah Lyons, Perry County, Ohio. They came to Pike Township in 1850. Peter, Senior married second, Elizabeth Porter, born July 12, 1799 in Pennsylvania.

Peter, Senior brought his family to Darke County, Ohio in 1849, and died there May 20, 1867. Six of their nine children later settled in Jay County: (1) Anna, born 1825, died December 31, 1872, married August 23, 1855, Daniel Heister; (2) James P., born 1828, married first, Abigail Cook and second, Mary; (3) Susannah, born 1830, married May 25, 1854, James F. Woods; (4) John P., born 1832, married April 5, 1857, Martha Fry, moved to Champaign County, Illinois; (5) Frances "Fanny", born April 17, 1834, died October 30, 1903, married January 15, 1860, Henry Chapman, who died during the Civil War. She and her mother came to Bearcreek Township, where Elizabeth died March 6, 1881; (6) Rebecca, born June 7, 1836, died October 7, 1910, married August 30, 1862, Henry Strait. They bought Peter Senior's land in Darke County from the other heirs; (8) Elizabeth, born 1841, married Henry Nichols; and (9) Matthew, born 1843, died August 25, 1869, served in the Civil War.

Peter P., the seventh child, married March 23, 1862, Felista Long, born June 1, 1841, daughter of Hiram and Winnie (Denney) Long, who came to Madison Township in 1837. They settled first on a farm in Madison Township, and later moved to Green Township. In 1890, they moved to Pulaski County, Kentucky, near Science Hill. Peter P. died November 7, 1913. Felista returned to Jay County and died there January 3, 1918 at the home of her son, Ira. She is buried in the Whicker Cemetery.

The children of Peter P. and Felista were: (1) Winnie Ann, born 1864, married November 1, 1885, Lewis Frank Geeseman, lived west of Antiville, children: Jasper, Thomas, Edna, Rose, William and Roy; (2) Rebecca Jane, born Septembe r6, 1865, died November 27, 1940, married November 24, 1886, Joseph L. Lanning, (children listed in The Joseph and Rebecca (Bailey) Lanning Family); (3) Ira, born February 28, 1867, died November 7, 1946, married January 18, 1891, Lalia Barbara Imel, children: Jesse Albert, Grace Edna, Ella Naomi, Edward Melvin, Walter Raleigh, Emma Mildred, Arthur Ulysses, Lawrence Emery, Viretta Marie, and Pearl Irene; (4) Matthew W., born 1869, died young; (5) Felista Naomi, born 1874, married first Hig-

Peter and Felista (Long) Bailey

gins, second Hall, third O.H. Snowberger, three children: Lewis Higgins, Mary and Maude Hall; (6) Nora Louise "Lulu", born March 1876, married Harvey Hines, children: Clyde and Maudia; (7) Cora, a twin to Nora, never married; (8) Emma Mariah, born August 12, 1880, died January 15, 1885; and (9) Peter, born May 1885, married and had children, names unknown, remained in Kentucky. *Submitted by Miss Ethel Albin.*

Baldwin

Baldwin dates back to 672 A.D. in England. In 1664 John Baldwin arrived at Stonington, Conn. from Buckingham C. Eng.. Simeon Baldwin (1761-1851) was a member of Congress and a prominent jurist. The Baldwins, through the years, were of many professions and gained fame as scholars, statesman, lawyers, engineers and men of the letters. Since the American Government under the Constitution ten Baldwins have served in Congress.

Milford, Conn. was the principal center of the Baldwins; in New England, and was settled in 1638.

The Baldwins were Quakers, working with the Underground Railroad in Randolph Co. Indiana.

Nereus Bales Baldwin (Nov. 1854-Feb. 1937) the son of Jesse Franklin Baldwin and Phebe Ann Bales married Martha Elizabeth Gorden (July 1855-Oct. 1916) and they lived in Randolph C. Ind. near Cherry Hill. Second wife, after the death of Martha, was Flora Stinson.

Children by this marriage were Alonzo, Cecil, Carl Fisk and Sydney Ann.

Carl Fisk (Franklin) Baldwin (June 22, 1888-Sept. 2, 1944), a Christian minister and school teacher was married to Leota Beatrice McGeath (Aug. 15, 1896-) in Wells Co. Ind. on Sept. 3, 1912. To this union was born Juanita Jeanette (Oct. 29, 1914-) and Iris Marie (Dec. 8, 1915-). Juanita married Wayne Hawkins Watson (Sept. 14, 1907-) on Sept. 3, 1939. They had five children: Jean Elizabeth (June 27, 1941-), Michael Anthony (Nov. 3, 1942-), Priscilla Ann (July 30, 1945-), Judith Lynne (Jan. 15, 1950-), and Linda Diane (Nov. 20, 1954-).

Iris Marie married Orville L. Freeman.

Floyd Barcus

Floyd Oren Barcus was born July 22, 1909 in Champaign Co. Illinois, the son of Charlie and Elizabeth (Fiock) Barcus.

Floyd was one of 16 children: Gertrude, Clara, John, Russel, Charles, Chester, Elmer, Floyd, Raymond, Franklin, Ernest, Van, Leo, Don, Eunice and Betsie.

Floyd moved to Ft. Wayne, Ind. Dec. 9, 1930 working as a truck driver and a farm hand. He met Leota Marguerite Stemen, the daughter of Isaac and Maggie (Pierce) Stemen. Leota was born July 2, 1913 in Van Wert, Ohio. They were married Dec. 23, 1933 and lived in Ft. Wayne where Floyd was a trucker for Kroger Co.

Their eldest son, Kenley Oren, was born July 27, 1935, the year the family moved to Van Wert, Co. Ohio and were farm tenants for $35.00 a month.

In 1937 Floyd managed three sugar beat farms for central soya, earning $76.00 a month. Leota earned 25 cents an hour mashing the lumps out of the fertilizer. Their daughter Charlene Joann was born Oct. 19, 1938 and the twins Ronald O. and Donald O. were born Aug. 12, 1942.

In 1949 they bought a 200 acre farm in Jackson Twp. Jay Co., Ind. located at the corner of Co. Road 50 and 105. This is Kitt Corner and the one room brick school house is on their land. The children all graduated from Poling High School.

Kenley married Mabeline Lucile Bower, the daughter of Garald and Olive (Onweller) Bower, on Sept. 27, 1957. They live in Pennville Ind. Kenley is a journyman diemaker at Fisher Body Marion, Ind. Mabeline works for the A.S.C. of Jay Co. They have one daughter and three sons: Tina Joann, Steven, Brent (stillborn) and Kevin.

Charlene married Max E. Blowers, the son of Everet and Ruthanna (Buckey) Blowers on Feb. 1, 1958. They farm 580 acres in Jackson Twp. They have three daughters and one son. Cindy Jo married to Greg Heaton, Kathleen Sue, and twins Marie Ann and Michael Allen.

Ronald O. married Sandra Henthorn, the daughter of Otice and Vivian (Pettigrew) Henthorn on Oct. 8, 1961. They live in Ft. Wayne where Ronald is manager for Metropolitan Life Insurance. Sandra is manager of Candlelite Appartments. They have two sons and two daughters: Brian, Tony, Barbara (died at birth) and Tonia.

Donald O. married Vickie Siders Aug. 17, 1963. She is the daughter of Leo and Grace (Hartup) Siders. Donald lives in Muncie, Ind. where he is superviser for the Gayee Sales Co. They have one son, Todd Allen.

Floyd and Leota are now retired and they enjoy traveling and spending time with their children and grandchildren. They are members of Union Chapel Church in Jackson Twp.

Barger

Great, great, great, great grandfather Casper Barger was born in the Palatinate Province of Germany in 1708. He and his wife Margaret came to America from Rotterdam, Holland. They settled in one of the eastern counties of Pennsylvania and they acquired farm property at the Shenandoah River, in the Shenandoah Valley, in Virginia, close to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Casper and his brother were-killed by Indians in 1755. He had two sons, Jacob and Casper Jr..

Jacob was born in 1745, married Elizabeth Hedrick in 1772. He was drafted and served as body guard to George Washington in the Revolutionary War. He took a deep interest in matters pertaining to his church, and was the patriarch of the Lutheran Church at Koiners Store. He was engaged in the congregations work of building the first church structure there, when he was stricken with paralysis and died at the age of 49. The church still in use, has services once a year, with special occasions and weddings held in it. Their children were: Anna Margaret, Anna Marie, Susannah, Jacob and John. The homestead, slave house and buildings are still standing and in use.

Great, great grandfather Jacob Barger, born 1783 in Rockingham County, Virginia. Married Nancy Cullen who came from Glasgow, Scotland. He did not live to be old. While engaged in repairing the roof of one of his farm buildings, he was stricken with paralysis and shortly succumbed. Their children were: John C., Jacob, William, Jane, Washington, James, Ira, Thomas C., Dorcas.

Great Grandfather John C. was born in Augusta County, Virginia. He located first, at Koiners Store, near the homestead, where he maintained a saddlery and invested in real estate. Moving to New Hope, three miles west, he bought farm and mill property. He first married Catherine Bush. Their children were: Elizabeth J., David William, Margaret A.. His second wife was Rachel Engleman, their children were: George F., Jacob L., Virginia.

Grandfather David W. was born in Rockingham County, Virginia. He was a soldier in the Civil War. After the war, he married Sarah Peters and moved to Preble County, Ohio. He was a successful farmer. Their children were: William F., John D., Martin C., Alice B., James H., Margaret L., Charles A., Sarah A., Cleveland A., Eva J., Henry R.

My father, Charles A., born in 1880, married Lucy Burkey and settled on a farm in Jay County, Indiana on the state line. They had eight sons: Kenneth, Arlie, Willard Leon, Floyd (Jack), Carl (Joe), Glen, Robert and Marvin.

I was born in 1915, and married Vivian Reichard. Our children: Larry Lee married to Rosemary Lynn Blankenbaker. They live in Marion, Indiana. Their children are Marsha, Matthew and Nicole: Bonnie Gay married Richard Burk and live in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Their children: Elizabeth and Deborah; Peggy Ann married Peter A. Smith. They have two sons, Brandon and Anthony. They live in Orlando, Florida. I have been engaged in poultry and hatchery work most of my life.

One of my ancestors, Jefferson Barger, settled and formed the town of Bargersville, Indiana in 1850. It is located south of Indianapolis. *Submitted by Carl Martin Barger.*

The Bennie Barker Family

Bennie was born in 1895 in Randolph County, near Stone Station. He married Nettie Belle McCammon, in 1914. She was the daughter of Rosa and Frank McCammon. They lived on the farm in Randolph County for some time, then moved to Balbec, Indiana, in northern Jay County, where they spent their life on their farm.

Bennie and Nettie Belle had five children: Beatrice Irene, Chester Everett, Alice Marie, Ethel Rose, and Dorothy Lavon.

Beatrice Irene b. 10-12-1918, married Freddie Wright in 1940. They had a daughter Christine b. 1941.

Chester Everett b. 2-24-1920, married Betty Elizabeth Davis, of East St. Louis, Mo.. Chester was a paratrooper in W.W.II. The family moved to Redkey, after the war, and then to Delaware County, where they lived. They had a daughter Eunamae, called Jill, b. 12-5-1943 and Elizabeth Ann b. 4-13-1945. She married Allen Smith 1962.

Chester married Norma Jean Pugh, daughter of Sam and Alice Wilson Pugh. They lived in Muncie. Their children were: Joseph Allen, b. 10-5-1949, he lived two months; then Rebecca Lou, b. 9-19-1952, Ruth Alice, b. 12-12-1953, Daniel Nelson, b. 4-8-1959, Timothy Keith, b. 5-8-1962, and twins Benjamin Lee and David Paul, b. 5-18-1964.

Alice Marie, was b. 9-28-1922. Dorothy Lavon, b. 7-22-1924, died age 24 years at the birth of her son, Irl Lewis Walker Jr. She had married Irl Lewis Walker in 1945.

Irl Lewis Walker Sr. married Wilma Petro. She had been married, and had two daughters by her previous marriage. She and Irl became parents of a son, Carl. He graduated from Pennville High School.

Irl Lewis Jr. married Sheila Peterson in 1968 in the Bluffton Methodist Church. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peterson of Dunkirk, In. They became parents of Andrea Kay, 8-11-1970 and Todd Matthew, 4-10-1973.

Ethel Rose, b. 4-20-1928, was married at Shedville, in Randolph Co., at the homecoming, to Guy Love of near Montpelier. They had Dena Suzanne who became a teacher, Sedonna Jean, and Steven Allen.

Steven married Deborah Booher in 1974. Sedonna married and had two sons: Michael Shawn and Ryan Scott.

Barker

George Washington Barker II was born September 23, 1892 near Winchester, In.. His parents were George W. Barker Sr. and Marietta Hunt Barker. His father died when George was three years old. He was one of twelve children, so the mother taught them housework and farm duties. They kept the farm until the family was grown. George attended Clark No. 9 school and the Huffman No. 5. After finishing there, he attended Madison College in Tennessee, where he prepared himself to become a chiropractor. He practiced in Hartford City, In.

George Washington Barker married Grace A. Ludlum on Nov. 24, 1915 in Montpelier, In. She was the daughter of Edward J. and Lena Ludlum. She was born June 26, 1887. They had four children: George Edward, Florence Esther, Robert Alexander, and Calvin Mardin. George W. later decided to become self-employed, and started carpentry work, going into the brick masonery. This he worked at for more than forty years. He also worked with the police department.

George W. attended the Redkey Methodist Church, and taught the Men's Bible Class. He died Janaury 11, 1973. He was well liked by everyone and was a temperate man. *Submitted by Ida Tunis.*

John R. Barker

John R., b. 1847, and Susannah Montgomery Barker, b. 1848, were married June 25, 1968. John R. was the son of Charles and Rachel Rittenhouse Barker. He had been born near Stone Station, Randolph County, where the family lived and farmed.

The children of John and Rachel were: Melvina Patience, 1869-1888, and Rachel Arilda 1871. Rachel A. married Lewis Miller in 1892. Lewis was the son of John and Hannah Puterbaugh Miller. They lived near New Pittsburg, Jay County, on a farm. They were parents of two sons, John W., died in infancy and Frederick, died at six months. Rachel died in 1894.

Lewis then married Rachel's cousin, Rosa Barker McCammon. She had been widowed earlier. She was the mother of Clarence, and Nettie Belle McCammon. Clarence married Opal Wickersham. After the wedding they went to Texas where they spent the rest of their lives. Nettie Belle married Bennie Barker, the son of Marietta Hunt and George Washington Barker, Sr. Their home was on a farm near Pennville.

Lewis and Rosa had four children. Alma Ora, 1902, was married to Glen W. McIlwain, the son of William Albert and Alice Lavern Poulton McIlwain. Glen, Carl Edwin, and

Rosa Alice were their children. Glen married Barbara Maxine Conant. They had four children.

Carl Edwin married Mary Louise Hocker of Oklahoma. They had two children. Rose Alice married James Robert Warren. They have three children.

Other children of Lewis and Rosa were Alta Fay, Alton Lewis, Alice Loretta and Florence Ethel. Both Lewis and Rosa died in Texas where they had moved years ago.

Charles Clement Barrenbrugge

His grandparents were Clemens (died February 1917) and Gertrude (Wesker) Barrenbrugge (born 1840, died March 13, 1921) who came to Mercer County, Ohio, from Munster, Germany, in 1882 and settled at Celina, Ohio. Frank Barrenbrugge, my father, was their youngest son (born January 20, 1884, died November 2, 1958). Grandparents on my mother's side were Charles and Elizabeth (Siefring) Hornick. Charles Hornick was born in Vienna, Austria, January 16, 1853, served as a bodyguard to Emperor Franz Joseph, and came to Fort Recovery, Ohio October 19, 1880. He died April 28, 1937. His first wife died in May 1891, and on June 14, 1892, married Elizabeth Siefring (born January 22, 1859, died February 13, 1941). From this marriage came three children: Bernadine, my mother (born October 3, 1893, died November 1, 1978); Ben (born August 29, 1895, died December 26, 1962); and Joseph (born November 8, 1897, died November 1964).

Charles Hornick, my grandfather, a section foreman, helped build the Lake Erie and Western Railroad (now Norfolk and Western) through Mercer and Jay County. When Mr. Hornick retired in 1928, Frank Barrenbrugge, my father, became foreman until he retired in 1948. He and Bernadine had four children, all born at Fort Recovery. Charles, eldest son (born March 1, 1912); Robert (born April 9, 1914, died November 16, 1947 at age 33); Helen (born February 8, 1916, married James Crist and resides in Fort Recovery—four children: Galen, born March 29, 1941; Marilyn, born June 19, 1943; JoAnn, born December 31, 1952; and Vicki, born June 29, 1958. Agnes, (born July 28, 1918, who married Maurice Denney, Fort Recovery. They have four children: Dennis, born December 29, 1944; Diane, born September 27, 1951; Beth, born June 5, 1953; and Mike, born November 24, 1954).

Charles Barrenbrugge attended Mary Help of Christians Catholic School and graduated from Fort Recovery High School in 1929. Received his Bachelor of Science degrees in Aeronautical & Mechanical Engineering in 1932 from Tri-State University, Angola, Indiana, and started working for Portland Forge, Portland, Indiana, in 1934 as Designing Engineer being promoted to Production Manager in 1945 and to Vice President Production in 1961. He retired at age 65 in 1977.

In 1934 Mr. Barrenbrugge married Maxine Frances Harlan of Indianapolis, resided in Fort Recovery on West Center Street until 1956 when they built and moved to a new home south of Portland, Indiana, on U.S. Route 27 across from the Portland Country Club. They had one son, Thomas Robert, born October 8, died November 7, 1945.

In 1939 he was elected to Fort Recovery Village Council. In 1942 elected Chairman Mercer County Democrat Central Committee, 1953 President Mercer County Election Board.

May 18, 1980.
Charles and Helen Barrenbrugge

In 1941 he served as General Chairman of Fort Recovery Sesqui-Centennial Celebration. For this occasion he brought to this historical spot such notables as Ohio Governor John W. Bricker, U. S. Senator Robert A. Taft, Sr., U. S. Senator Harold H. Burton who later became a U. S. Supreme Court Justice, Congressman Robert Jones, and State American Legion Commander Ralph Stone. He arragned the first radio broadcasts from Fort Recovery by WLW Cincinnati, WHIO Dayton, and WOWO Fort Wayne.

He was active in many civic activities to promote the history of Fort Recovery. He served on Board of Directors, Fort Recovery Building and Loan for many years.

His wife Maxine died in 1960 and in 1961 he married Helen Molnar of Cincinnati, a native of Martins Ferry, Ohio.

While employed by Portland Forge he wrote many technical articles that were published in "Iron Age Magazine" concerning methods to forge 37, 75, 81 mm shell projectiles. Also an article for "Steel" magazine on the use of "Boypower" during World War II. In 1943 during World War II he taught a Job Training Class at the Pentagon, Washington, DC, for the Manpower Commission and was chairman of committees for the Army-Navy "E' Award to Portland Forge for production excellence, February 13, 1943. Served five years as president of Portland Country Club. Served eight years as member of Board of Aviation Commissioners—Portland Airport, member Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, Knights of Columbus, and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Charter member of Fort Recovery Historical Society and a member of the Mercer County and Jay County Historical Societies. On June 27, 1977 he was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Julian M. Carroll of Kentucky.

Helen Barrenbrugge is a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority and Hospital Auxiliary. Served as president of the Auxiliary 1969-1970.

A recent research indicates there are less than 49 households in the United States with the name Barrenbrugge. After three years of research the Barrenburgge family has been traced back to the 12th Century. In September 1981, Charles and Helen Barrenbrugge visited the farm near Holtwick, West Germany, where Barrenbrugge's have lived for 800 years. It is 200 acres and will be inherited by a 15-year-old boy whose father was killed in an accident before he was born. In May 1981 Mr. Barrenbrugge published a book on the history of the Barrenbrugge family. *Submitted by Charles Barrenbrugge.*

Mr. and Mrs.
Henry Bartling

Conrad Frederick Wilhelm Bartling

Born Nov. 2, 1796 in Hesse, Germany, died Dec. 22, 1868, buried Greenville, Ohio. First wife died in Germany. From this union three children: Henry, Augusta, and Conrad. All died and buried in America. Second wife, born Hesse, Germany. Children: C. G. Edward Bartling, born Oct. 9, 1833, Germany, died Greenville, Ohio Jan. 1871. Married Mary Locker. From this union: Henry Edward, born Aug. 9, 1857 Greenville, married Harriett Theurer. Children: (1) Addie m. Russell Messner. Children: Mildred Messner m. Herman Klingel. Children: Charles, Donald, Susan, Kathryn m. Edwin S. Lewis. (2) Eda Goldsmith m. Ellsworth Goldsmith. Children: Harriett m. Elmo Moorehead. All in Calif. Mabel m. Jacob Heidegger. Children: Walter m. Ruth Wiley. Children: Carl m. Diane Klingel, Jason, Jeremy, Harold m. Elizabeth Boehm, Nathan, Sarah. (3) Ann m. Billy Murphy. Children: Delana and Allen.

Florence Heidegger m. Charles Coldren, Sharon m. R. Rhodehamel, Rex, Marilyn, Rebecca.

David Heidegger m. Virginia Funk, Christene, Annita m. L. Keller, Marcia, Karen.

Rachel Heidegger m. Harold Stultz, Thomas m. Rebecca Bohl, Gwen, Amanda.

Miriam Heidegger m. Charles Jones, Robert, Brian, Christopher.

(1) Otto Bartling m. Ada Hinkel, Loren m. Erma, Christina, Joan, Robert, Mary Joyce m. David Nesbitt, Mark, Bruce, Jane.

(2) Anna Louise, born 1859 Greenville, Ohio, m. John Fennig.

(3) Caroline, born 1861, died 1863 (2 years).

(4) Charles, born 1863, died 1867 (4 years).

(5) Mary Elizabeth, born Sept. 1864, died 1934, never married.

(6) Sarah, born 1866, m. David Heiby.

(7) Louise, born 1870, m. Charles Jetter. Children: Floyd, Charles.

(8) Edward, born 1868, m. Elizabeth Ostermier in Ill. Children: Roy m. Gladys Riemer. Children: Mildred m. O. Kohl, Lillian m. L. Grieme, Ruth Ann; Carl, never married; Glenwood m. Wanda Steele, four children; Edith m. Everett Jacobs. Children: Carlene and Edward Everett.

(9) Sophia, born June 30, 1868, m. Charles Roberts. One child. Upon the death of C. Edward Bartling in Jan. 1871 in Greenville, Ohio, his widow, Mary Locker Bartling married a Mr. Wagner and moved to Jay County. From this union: Emma Wagner m. Harlan Mitchell. Children: Rufus m. Olga; Laura m. John Cull, children: Robert, Bonnie, Wilma; Freda m. Henry Hehmyer, children: Gene, Dale, Donald; Forrest m. Nellie, children: Ronald and Margo; Emma Lucille m. Kenneth Newell, children: Marilyn Sue m. Allen Hilfiker, Scott and Brett.

Jerry Joe Baughman

Thomas A. and Gladys Suzanna (Hudson) Hart were married Nov. 19, 1921. He was the son of Freedom Gard and Nancy Ellen (Hutson) Hart and one of ten children. Gladys was the daughter of George W. and Elizabeth Jane (Hiser) Hudson and one of eight children.

Thomas A. and Gladys Hart were the parents of six children: Herbert Jesse, Marvin Earl, Freda Ellen, Melvin Leroy and twins, Carl Elmer and Doris Genell. Doris passed away at the age of ten.

Freda lived in Green Township with her parents and attended Hopewell school until the seventh grade. The family then moved to Jackson Township where she attended Poling School graduating in 1944. In high school she enjoyed all sports and was cheerleader for two years for basketball.

Jerry Joe, son of Ralph W. and Marjorie E. (Ford) Baughman. Ralph and Marjorie were the parents of two children. Jerry Joe and Mary Helen Baughman. Jerry lived in Bryant, Ind, in early life. He later moved with his parents to Portland, Ind.

Jerry left high school and joined the Navy on July 29, 1943. He took his boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Chicago then went into Squadron VC27. After eight months training he went aboard the U.S.S. Savo Island, an Aircraft Carrier. He served in the South Pacific for about a year. He returned to the States and went to Aviation Storekeepers school at Jacksonville, Florida. Upon graduating with Aviation Storekeeper rate of 3rd class, he was sent to San Diego, California where he served until he was discharged. He was sent to Great Lakes Naval Base to be discharged on March 21, 1946.

Jerry attended the Lincoln School in North Portland and Portland High School. Upon returning from the service he graduated from High School in 1946.

Freda Ellen Hart and Jerry Joe Baughman were married September 1, 1946 at Horse Cave, Kentucky. They are the parents of three daughters: Pamela Sue, b. August 18, 1947; Margie Kay, b. December 6, 1947; Claudia Jo, b. June 26, 1954.

Pamela Sue married James Albert Gillett, b. October 8, 1947, on December 22, 1967. They are the parents of two sons: Bradley James, b. May 23, 1970; Brian Andrew, b. September 15, 1973.

Margie Kay married Larry Roe Devoss, b. May 28, 1948, on June 14, 1969. They are the parents of one daughter, Kimberly Kay Devoss, b. November 22, 1971.

Claudia Jo married Richard DeWayne Jones, b. July 28, 1953, on July 27, 1974 and are the parents of two daughters: Carla Jo, b. July 16, 1978 and Dana Ellen, b. February 12, 1981.

After her marriage, Freda was employed at the Jay Garment Co. for 15 years as a seamstress. After leaving there she attended night school at Redkey High School and took typing and secretary course. She worked at C. T. S. of Berne for two years, upon leaving there she took a secretary's job at Naas Foods in Portland and worked there nine years. She enjoys belonging to the Jay Co. Historical Society, Inc.; the Working Wonders Home Economic Club and the Jay Co. Research Club.

Jerry was employed at Sheller Globe in Portland for a short time after returning from the service. He later quit, and went to work at Delco Battery at Muncie, Ind. He worked there for 29 years and is planning on retiring in June 1982.

Jerry enjoys playing golf, and the three girls and their families all enjoy going camping and we have had some very enjoyable camping trips.

The Baughman's formerly lived in Portland and started housekeeping at 953 S. Bridge St., later moved to 1114 S. Bridge. St. In 1967 they moved to Green Twp. on S.R. 67 West and still reside there. *Submitted by Freda E. Baughman.*

Beard Family

Charles W. Beard, son of Lewis and Martha Beard, was born in Jay County in 1873. He married Clara Turner, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Addington) Turner, in 1893. They had two sons, Homer Iris and Lewis Arthur. After their parents' death, Lewis Arthur was raised by his grandparents, Lewis and Martha Beard, while Homer Iris was raised on an adjoining farm by their other grandparents, Samuel and Elizabeth Turner.

Homer Iris married Helen Pickett, of Muncie, and they owned ladies ready-to-wear shops, before retiring to Sarasota, Florida. Their only child, Robert Earl Beard, married Bea Tidwell. They also retired to Florida, after many years in the recreational vehicle industry.

Lewis Arthur married Mary Elma Grimm, daughter of John and Emily (Holloway) Grimm, on July 21, 1923, at the Evangelical United Brethren Parsonage. Lewis was an employee of the United States Post Office, in Portland. Lewis and Mary had four children: Gerald Leon, Homer Arthur, Ann Loaine, and Bud Glen.

While serving in the Air Corps during World War II, Gerald met Katherine Keyes, daughter of Jay and Dorothy (Downer) Keyes, in New Jersey. They were married in 1946. Gerald was employed first by the Commercial Review, and is presently Vice President of Mutual Security, Inc. Katherine had studied at the Juilliard Institute of Musical Art, in New York City, and has taught hundreds of Jay County children. She writes and illustrates textbooks for piano students, and choral music.

Gerald and Katherine had two children: Robert Lewis, born in 1947 and Brenda Ann, in 1948. Robert Lewis met Norma Huang in Taiwan, while he was serving in the Air Corps. They were married in the Presbyterian church in Portland, in 1970, and had two children: Brett Kenneth Beard, in 1974 and Roberta Kay Beard, in 1975. These two children are the sixth generation of Beards to be born in Jay County.

Brenda Ann married Robert Allen Runkle, son of Elmer and Mary (Binegar) Runkle, in 1968. They were both killed by a freight train a short distance from their home east of Portland, in December, 1973, leaving a two year old son, James Robert Runkle.

Ann Loaine Beard and Bill Denney were married in 1956, and have resided in Portland since that time. Bill is an electrician. They had two daughters: Loaine Elaine, who married Jeffrey Wilson and moved to Fort Wayne and Trudy Lynn.

Homer Arthur's early years were spent as a farmhand. He later went to work for his uncle in Elkhart, in the recreational vehicle business.

Bud Glen graduated from Portland High School, and joined the United States Air Force, where he remained for a 20 year career, with many overseas assignments, retiring with the rank of Master Sergeant. In 1954, while stationed near Kansas City, Missouri, Bud met and married Patricia Ann Clarke, daughter of Charles Edward and Emma (White) Clarke. They had two sons: Buddy Thomas, presently with the United States Navy and Michael. Bud and Patricia live in Melbourne, Florida. *Submitted by Patricia Beard.*

Paul H. Beard

Paul Beard, great great grandfather of Paul H. Beard, was born near Wheeling, West Virginia on February 17, 1784 and at some time during his lifetime migrated to Darke County, Ohio. John Beard, son of Paul and great grandfather of Paul H. moved from Preble County, Ohio in 1839 and settled in Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana. William P. Beard, son of John and grandfather of Paul H. was born in Madison Township in 1844. William was reared on the family farm but later operated the general store in Salamonia. William married Martha (White) and they were the parents of nine children. James Elmer Beard, son of William and father of Paul H. was born in Salamonia. He helped his father in the general store and operated a huckster wagon. Elmer married Hannah (Cope) and moved to Portland settling in the last house on the south side of the end of East Main Street. Elmer worked at Hood's Wholesale Grocery then later became a rural mail carrier to the time of his retirement. Elmer and Hannah had four children: Carrie, Fern, Paul H. and Vernon.

Paul Hobart Beard was born July 19, 1896. He was graduated from Portland High School. On May 6, 1917 he enlisted in the U. S. Army where he served as a sergeant in the Medical Corps at Base Hospital #101, St. Nazaire, France until the Armistice. Upon returning to the states, he was employed at the Miller Rubber Works in Akron, Ohio. Paul returned to Portland in 1920 and worked as an apprentice pharmacist under U. G. Slaybaugh at the Adair Drug Store. In 1922 he was married to Velma E. (Jones) and that same year they bought their first home at 207 West Race Street where Velma Beard still resides. Velma was employed at Hussar Jewelry Store which is now the south part of Hanlin Drugs and later was society editor for the Portland Sun. Paul became a salesman for Green and Green Biscuit Company and remained a salesman until his retirement. After retirement, he worked for Lou Wasmuth at Portland Motor Parts, Inc. located at 401 North Meridian Street.

Paul H. and Velma were the parents of two daughters. Patsy Jayne graduated from Portland High School and has been associated with The Citizens Bank of Portland since 1942 where she currently holds the title of Assistant Vice President. Pat is married to Fred A. Coughlin, formerly of Dunkirk, Indiana, who has been affiliated with Portland finance companies and is presently owner/manager of Allied Security Corporation. Janet Jo, a graduate of Portland High School and Ball State University, has been an elementary school teacher in the Portland/Jay School Corporation for 22 years. Jan is married to Richard D. Arnold, newspaperman, presently Vice President and General Manager of The Graphic Printing Company. Other heirs of Paul H. and Velma are two grandchildren, Steven Beard Arnold and Jeffery Lynn Arnold and three great grandchildren, Eric Jason Arnold, Andrea Nicole Arnold and Jessica Wittman Arnold. *Submitted by Janet Jo Arnold.*

Paul Mills Beard

Paul Mills Beard was the son of one of the earliest prominent Quaker families of Randolph County, Obediah and Sarah Mills Beard, who came from North Carolina. He was born Oct. 1, 1846 near Lynn, Ind. and passed away in Portland, July 5, 1930. On Dec. 31, 1867, he married Elmira Adaline Platt, daughter of Elijah and Jane Pennington Platt. She was born Aug. 11, 1851 near Lynn and passed away Aug. 8, 1931 in Jackson Township.

Adaline had seven brothers and five sisters. Paul Mills had one sister, Rachel, who married James Mace and one brother, who died young.

Early in 1893, the family received a certificate to remove from Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting to the Portland Monthly Meeting. They hadlived in Geneva for several years moving to the White Oak Community. Mr. Beard served as postmaster at Wall for several years. He also engaged in farming. They were very active in the White Oak Church and the community.

They were the parents of eleven children: Elkanah, who married Margie then moved to Dubuque, Iowa; William A. married Alice Richerson, he took up farming in Jackson Township; Laura C. married John Halterman and lived most of her life in Portland. She lived to be over one hundred years old; Ira S., who married Madge Letts; Raymond married Minnie Eubands and lived in Oklahoma. He worked in the oilfields in Illinois and Oklahoma; Lydia May married Miles Cookerly of Geneva and then moved to Dewey, Oklahoma; Roy S. married Fern Gilpin and lived in New Castle where he worked in the Chrysler factory. Four children died young.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Beard are buried in Gravel Hill Cemetery.

Paul Mills and
Adaline Beard

Beebe

Anna Stow married May 31, 1850, Captain Stephen Prentice of Waterford, Connecticut. Daughter, Elizabeth, born June 1756, married Abner Beebe. Son, Abijah Beebe (4-10-1776) died April 17, 1951, married Nancy Howard 8-25-1800. They had twelve children. Only names we have are Alexander, Thomas, George W., John W., and William H.

Abijah Beebe moved to Marietta, Ohio for ten years then settled nearby in Watertown Township in 1810. Alexander Beebe (1806-1884) married Hannah Brown (1810-1886) on Aug. 7, 1828. Alexander was an invalid for his last 22 yrs. Their children: William H., Laura Lamburn, Hannah, Samantha, Hiram, Eliza, Lucy, Alice, Henrietta, and Lyman Beebe. Lyman, at 27 volunteered May 1864. He served 100 days with 148 Regiment, Company I, and was musterd out September 1864. He was detailed as a hospital nurse. Lyman Beebe, (Aug. 21, 1837-May 25, 1909) married Martha Jane Rathbun, (Aug. 22, 1844-July 27, 1919) daughter of Hiram and Fannie Clark Rathbun. Their children are Leafy Burkey (John); Laura (Albert) Newman; Orrin; Rolfe Rennard; Dawson; Ozro; Truman; Effie May (Chris) Milthaler. Lyman Beebe and family lived at Antioch and are buried in Antioch Cemetery in Jay County. Ozro and Truman ran a hardware store in Portland for several years, Dawson and Effie Milthaler lived in Madison Township. Leafy Burkey and Laura Newman lived in Portland. Orrin lived in Pike Township.

Effie May Beebe (May 28, 1887-May 21, 1922) married Christopher Gabiel Milthaler (aug. 17, 1884-Dec. 1938) on August 17, 1909. Their children are: Mahlon; Velma (Noah) Scholer; Martha (Lewis) Bailey; Mary (Robert) Bone; Elva (Cyril) Grubenhoff; and Harvey.

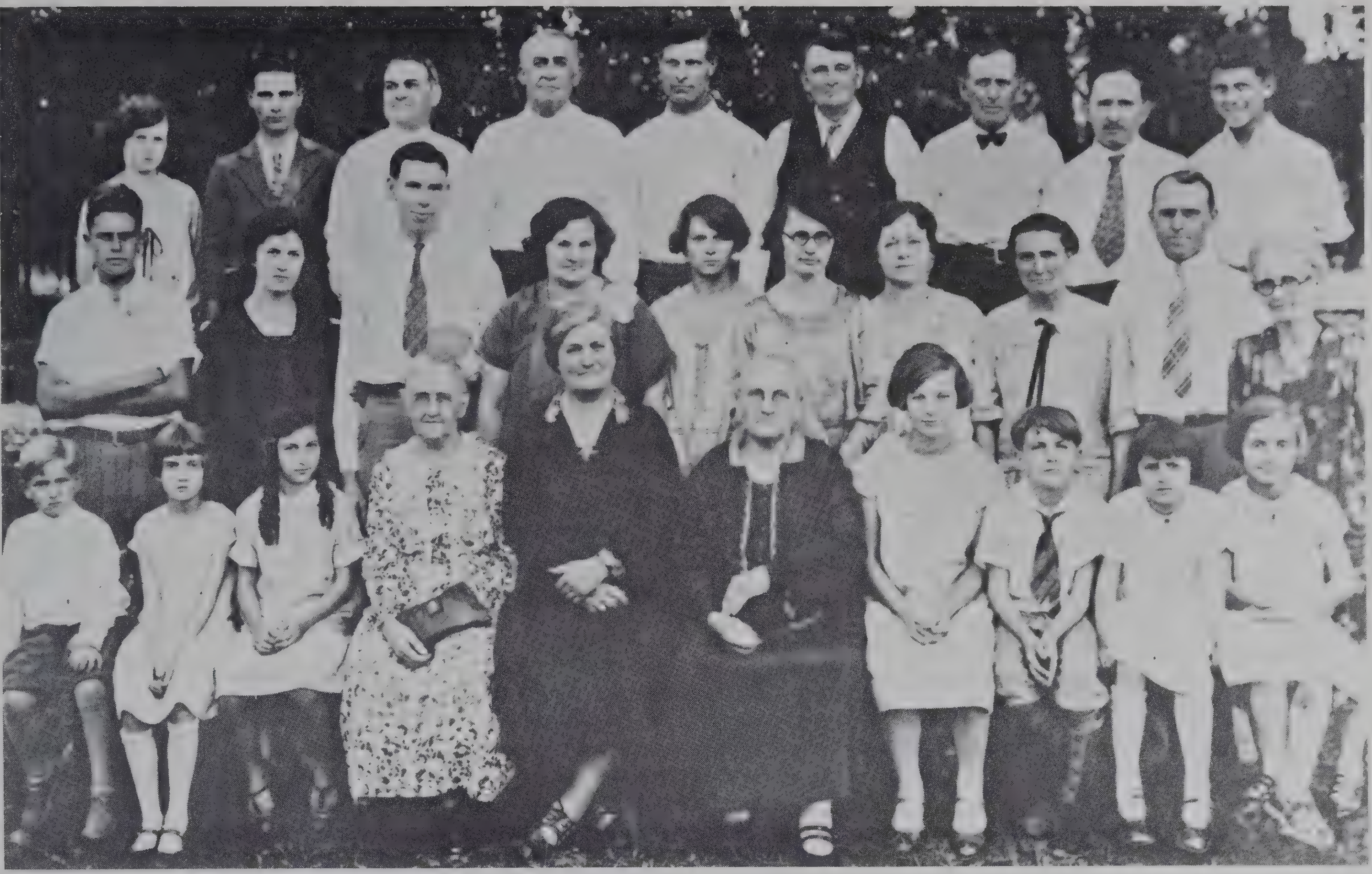
Robert H. Beeks

Robert H. Beeks is the son of Clarence C. and the late Eva M. (Keller) Beeks of Montpelier, Indiana. He was born on December 30, 1925 in Harrison Township, Blackford-County, Indiana. He has three brothers and two sisters: Virgil C., Muncie, Indiana; C. Herman, Rockford, Ohio; Harry R., Hartford City, Indiana; Inez (Beeks) Hutchison, Pennville, Indiana and Mary Alice (Beeks) Berger, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Bob attended and graduated from Montpelier High School, Montpelier, Indiana. He worked at the St. Joe Paper Company, Hartford City, Indiana before entering the army. He served from 1943 to 1945. He was wounded overseas on the front line in France and received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Alberta June Freemyer and Robert H. Beeks were married on April 20, 1947 in the Salamonia Reformed Church by Rev. H. G. Perry. Alberta is the daughter of Ray L. and the late Ina Fay (Leonhard) Freemyer, of Noble Township, Jay County. She was born 6-1-1927. She has one sister, Roberta Lucille (Freemyer) Lyons, of Portland, Indiana.

After their marriage they lived for one year near Montpelier, Indiana. Bob continued to work for the St. Joe Paper Company, Hartford City and Alberta worked as a bookkeeper for the Haynes Milling Company, Portland, Indiana. They then moved to the Ervin Sheffer farm in Noble Township, where they started their farming career and lived



The Beebe Reunion 1927

Back row: Elizabeth Dean, Dau. Ren; Mahlon Milthaler, son of Chris; Truman Beebe; John Burkey, hus. Leafie; Chris Milthaler, hus. Effie; Dawson Beebe; Orrin Beebe; Rolfe (Ren) Beebe; Linden Beebe, son of Ozro. Middle row: Loren Beebe, son of Ozro; Gladys Schmidt, dau. of Orrin; Charles Schmidt, hus. of Gladys; Esther (Beebe) Franklin, dau. of Dawson; Velma Scholer, dau. of Chris M.; Maude Beebe, wife of Truman; Mable Beebe Doty, wife of Ozro; Sally Beebe, wife of Dawson; Ozro Beebe; Minnie Beebe, wife of Ren. Front row: Harvey Milthaler, son of Chris M.; Margaret Ellen Beebe, dau. of Ren; Mary Bone, dau. of Chris M.; Minnie Geesaman, mother of Minnie Beebe; Margaret Beebe, wife of Orrin; Leafie Burkey, wife of John; Martha Bailey, dau. of Chris M.; Earl Beebe, son of Truman; Doris Beebe, dau. Truman; Elva Grubenhoff, dau. of Chris M.

for three years. In 1951 they moved to the old Joe Freemyer "homeplace" in Madison Township, Jay County. This was the farm of Alberta's great grandparents. In 1970 they purchased Alberta's "homeplace" in Noble Township, Jay County, from her father. Ray L. Freemyer. The house is the same one in which her father and his two sisters and brother were born.

They are the parents of two daughters: Ginger Sue (Beeks) Ouwenga, Findlay, Ohio and Ina Kay (Beeks) Bentz of Madison Township, Jay County.

Bob was the Madison Township Trustee from 1962-1970. He served for six years on the board of directors of the Fort Recovery Equity Exchange, Fort Recovery, Ohio and eight years for Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, Portland, Indiana. He is an active member of the VFW #2840 of Salamonia, Indiana, Eastern Star #111 and Masonic Lodge #539 of Fort Recovery, Ohio, Scottish Rite and the Mizpah Shrine, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is also on the church board of the Salamonia United Church of Christ, Salamonia, Indiana.

Alberta attended three years of her education in the Davis School, Noble Township, six years in the Madison School, Madison Township, and graduated from the Portland High School, Portland, Indiana, in 1945. She was a 4-H club leader in Noble Township for several years. She was manager of Montgomery Ward Catalogue Store in Portland, Indiana 1964-1967. Since then she is working as a bookkeeper for the Fort Recovery Equity Exchange, Fort Recovery, Ohio. She is the choir director and nursery Sunday school teacher of the United Church of Christ in Salamonia, Indiana. She is treasurer of the VFW Aux. #2840 in Salamonia, Indiana and is a member of the Eastern Star #111 of Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Robert Bentz

Robert Wayne Bentz is the youngest son of the late Byron E. and Reba D. (Abbott) Bentz. Byron (born 8-9-1917, died 7-12-1972) was the son of Jesse and Caroline (Tawney) Bentz and Reba (born 8-7-1921, died 10-6-1978) was the daughter of Charles and Lulu (Jones) Abbott. Robert was born on July 27, 1949 in Jay County, Indiana. The rest of his family consists of two brothers and one sister: Charles J. Bentz, born May 19, 1940, and Jackie L. Bentz, born May 29, 1944, both from Portland, Indiana, and Mrs. William (Shirley) New, born April 18, 1948, of New Castle, Indiana.

Bob graduated from Portland High School in 1968 and on June 3, 1968 was employed by Sheller-Globe in Union City, Indiana. Exactly one year later, June 4, 1969, he was inducted into the Army. His basic training was at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was later transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia. On August 2, 1970, he was shipped out to Viet Nam. At the end of his service, May 27, 1971, he returned to Sheller-Globe and is still working there.

On July 11, 1970 Bob was married to Ina Kay Beeks at the Salamonia United Church of Christ. She is the daughter of Robert H. and Alberta J. (Freemyer) Beeks. They have two sons: Anthony Cheyenne (Shane) Bentz, born on September 13, 1972 and Jeremy Wayne (Jerry) Bentz, born July 1, 1974. They live in Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana.

Kay was born on December 17, 1951 in Jay County, Indiana. She has one sister, Ginger Sue (Beeks) Ouwenga who lives in Findlay, Ohio. Kay graduated from Portland High School in 1970. She is presently employed at the Portland Auto License Branch, Portland, Indiana.

Some of the organizations that both Kay and Bob are very active in are the VFW #2840 and VFW Auxiliary #2840 at Salamonia, Indiana and the IOOF #804 and Rebekahs #884 of Salamonia, Indiana. Kay also belongs to the Eastern Star in Fort Recovery, Ohio. She is now a Past District Deputy President of District #27. They are both active in the United Church of Christ in Salamonia. Bob was the superintendent of Sunday school in 1981 and they both help in teaching classes.

Bergman

Calvin D. Bergman (Cal) was born on March 14, 1875 in Noble Township. He was the son of George William and Elenor (Drake) Bergman. Calvin's father was one of the large family of George Bergman who came from Fairfax County, Ohio to Jay County in 1853. Calvin's grandfather made a business of entering and selling land reported at one time to have been over 3,600 acres. Many an abstract lists his name as one-time owner. In fact, in 1865 he sold the very eighty acres, a part of which later became the home of Cal's future wife. When Cal was 18 months of age, his father, George William, died rather suddenly of unknown cause; though relatives later realized his symptoms suggested appendicitis. Three and a half months later his mother, Elenor, died of typhoid fever leaving four orphans. Elenor was the daughter of Ebenezer Drake.

Since the Bergmans had been successful land owners, there were sufficient resources to maintain guardians to help care for the children. Although the home farm was sold, at age 21 each received a share of 240 acres on State Road 22 in Noble Township. After being boarded for several months in the home of relatives, a "Granda and Grandpa Hanlin" gave Cal a foster home where he was carefree and well treated. At age 16, he was employed on the farm of Lewis Reaver to whom he gave credit for good training. Although his two brothers taught school, and he attended Ricgeville Normal, he chose farming as a career.

In 1903 he married Nora May Stolz (see account of George Stolz) and they spent most of their lives on a farm in the northeast corner of Wayne Township. They had two daughters: Erma (Mrs. George Reid of Largo, Florida) and Gay (Mrs. A. C. Badders of Portland, Indiana).

Cal and Nora Bergman on their wedding day.

Cal specialized in raising pure bred Duroc hogs and registered Jersey cattle. He avoided commercial fertilizer but maintained fertility of the soil by crop rotation and organic farm methods. He cooperated in the formation of the Jersey Cattle Club, was a stockholder and active member of the Board of the Jay County Fair Association. He had motorized equipment for sawing wood and grinding feeds for his own use and often to help neighbors.

Although as children they were separated, in adult life there developed a fine relationship among Cal; Clem, a Findlay, Ohio druggist; Arlie; an attorney and mayor of Mason, Michigan; and a sister, Nora Bergman Hilliard, a Christian Science practitioner of Lansing, Michigan and later of Santa Ana, California.

Cal's last years until 1959, were spent on North Pleasant Street in Portland, Indiana where he continued to enjoy his hobbies of fishing, playing checkers and chess. He and Nora, their parents, and grandparents are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery with the exception of Ebenezer Drake and wife who are buried at Westchester.

Daniel Bird

Daniel Bird was born in Sussex Co. N. Jersey March 12, 1813 and died in Jay Co. Jan. 22, 1904. He was a volunteer in Company K 21st. Regiment, Ind., Sept. 1864 to May 22, 1865. His parents were Joseph and Rachel Young Bird, both of Sussex Co. N.J. They migrated to Henry Co. Ind. in 1839. Daniel married Sarah Current on May 15, 1853. Her parents were Peter Current and Rebecca Jones Current, Monongahela Co. Va. They moved to Henry Co. Oh. in 1833. Sarah was born Feb. 28, 1830 and died May 15, 1895. In Mar. 1861 they bought and moved to a 80A farm 3 mi. North of Redkey in Jay Co.

They had three children: Mary Ann, born Dec. 27, 1853, married Harvey Bowen on Jan. 4, 1872. Mary's children were: Glenn C., who married Martha B. Snyder; Arthur E. married Settie Mymm; Wm. Russell married Florence Rose Coons; Orilla M. married Charles Denney and Raymond married Opal Woods. A son, Arthur Warren, born April 1861, married Minerva Bowen, Harvey's sister, on Oct. 22, 1881. Arthur's children were H. Lee, who married Ethel Gaskill, Charley N. who married Iris Starr, Wm. D. who married Peggy Rupe, Sarah E. who married Forrest Starr, Trusie G. who married James Cassel, Ralph H. who married Bessie Maiden, Mary R. who married Ritchie Haffner and Teddy R. who married Wilma Haffner, all of Jay Co..

Daniel and Sarah's youngest child was Preston S., born Sept. 16, 1874. He married Emma I. Hildreth on Oct. 22, 1900. They had two children, Harold and Helen.

Several of Daniel and Sarah's descendants still live in Jay Co. *Submitted by Bud Starr.*

Bisel

Sarah Jane, the daughter of Godfrey Judy and Mary Ann Brindle was born in Noble Township, Jay County on October 10, 1862. She attended the local school of the area with all the other children.

When Sarah Jane reached adulthood she married John Bisel on April 11, 1886 in Jay County. John Bisel was born Sept. 12, 1864 in Jay County, the son of Aaron and Hester Bisel. The Bisel family farmed most of their lives.

The last home of the John Bisels was located along U.S. Route 27 south of Portland in Pike Township. Here John and Sarah Jane Judy Bisel celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house to all relatives, friends and neighbors.

For a short time the Bisel family moved from Jay County, Indiana to Lawrence County, Tennessee. The family returned to Jay County in 1902.

John and Sarah Jane Bisel were the parents of four children; three sons and one daughter.

Guy L. Bisel was born March 27, 1889 and was married to Susie Brosher.

Cleyo J. Bisel was born October 6, 1891 and died June 2, 1979. His wife, Nina, gave piano lessons in Greenville, Darke County, Ohio for many years. Nina was born in 1892 and died recently. Nina and Cleyo Bisel are buried in the family plot in Ward Township in the Lawndale Cemetery.

Elmer D. Bisel was born February 25, 1901 in Lawrence County, Tennessee. When Elmer was about a year old the family moved back to Jay County. On Sept. 2, 1922 he married Opal Stullen. She was born June 23, 1904 and still resides in Portland. Elmer Bisel farmed on land located along U.S. Route 27 south of Portland in Pike Township near his parents farm. Opal became interested in antiques which she bought and sold. After Elmer and Opal moved to Portland, Opal operated an antique shop dealing in fine art glass. Elmer died in 1979 and is buried in the family plot. Elmer and Opal Bisel were the parents of three daughters: Norma, Jean, and Ruth Ellen.

John and Sarah Jane Bisel's youngest child, a daughter named Erma was born November 5, 1903 after the family had moved back to Indiana.

The Bisel family plot is located in Ward Township, Randolph County, Indiana in the Lawndale Cemetery. Sarah Jane Bisel died January 27, 1947 in Jay County. John Bisel died October 20, 1948 in an automobile accident near his home in Jay County.

The Joseph Bisel Family

Joseph Bisel and Amelia (James) Bisel started their way westward from Pennsylvania sometime between 1823 and 1825. They settled for a time in the rural area of New Philadelphia in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. While there, Joseph died at the age of 63 years, 10 months and 27 days. He was buried in the Bisel Church Cemetery there.

History at this point becomes vague, but the family again moved westward and most of his sons and daughters settled in rural areas of Jay County. Joseph and Amelia had 12 children: Rachel, born 1816, married George Fleminger in 1836; Moserill, born 1818, married Margaret McCurry in 1840, died 1884; Aaron, born 1820, first married Hester McIlroy in 1845, second married Pruda Collins, died 1899; David, born 1823, married Sarah Cherry in 1849; a girl, no name given, born in 1825; Noah, born 1828; a girl, no name given, born 1830; Jonathan, born in 1832, married Annetta Garringer in 1860, died 1899; Joseph, born 1834, died 1865; Amelia, born 1836; Benjamin, born 1840, married Mary Garringer in 1866 after serving in the Civil War; Nancy, born 1843, married Wm. H. Moore in 1860.

Aaron Bisel settled in Jay County. He and his wife, Hester, had eight children: Joseph, born 1848, married Mary Rupe; Cassandra, born 1849; Matilda, born 1851, married Martin Rupe; James, born 1853, married Elizabeth Voorhis; Christina, born 1855, married Julius Rathbun; Nancy Catherine, born 1858, married Sol Henizer; Clara Ann, born 1860, married Stephen Bentz; John, born 1864, married Sarah Jane Judy.

Aaron and his second wife, Pruda Collins Bisel, had five children: Aaron Jr., born 1871, married Esta Turner; Benjamin Franklin, born 1873, married Bertha Radrick; Jane, born 1876, married John Koben; William Otterbein, born 1878, married Anna Worgum; and Mattie, born 1881, who married Benjamin Garringer.

The Bisels, Rupes and Rathbun families were early settlers of Jay County; they cleared land, built homes and raised their families. Their descendants are here today, contributing to Jay County life.

Blodgett—Limbert

Herman James Blodgett and Thelma Berniece Blodgett were married December 6, 1932 at the home of the Rev. Carl Baldwin, pastor of the East Main Street Christian Church. James was employed at the Portland Forge and Thelma at the Jay Garment Company.

James was the second son of Hermon Clifford and Lola Edna Boes Blodgett. Other children were Earnest, married Edith Henker, daughter of Wilmore and Mattie Henker; Loretta, who married Edgar Ewry, son of Charles and Iola Ewry, Portland, Indiana; and Florence, who married Lewis Smith, of near Muncie, Indiana. James' grandparents were Sherburn and Malinda May Scales Blodgett of Geauga County, Ohio. Also, James and Loretta Warner Boes, of Portland.

Herman Ezra Limbert and Osa Blanche DeLong Limbert were Thelmas' parents. They were long-time residents of Jay County. His parents were Franklin M. and Mary Ann Richeson Limbert of Portland. Her parents were Calvin Amos and Mary Elizabeth Hinkle DeLong of Saratoga, Indiana.

James and Thelma became parents of John David born September 13, 1934; Fred Carveth, born October 13, 1936; Nancy Lee, born December 20, 1941; Mary Lyn, born April 1, 1943 and Mark Stephen, born July 28, 1944.

James became an employee of the Harry Theurer service station after the close of World War II, then went with

Thelma and James Blodgett.

Harry in the repair department, when Harry and Ed Maitlen purchased the Parke Motor Sales Ford Agency. James worked there as a master mechanic until his retirement in 1979.

Thelma was also busy. After the children were all in school, she finished her high school course in 1956. Later, in the summer, she went to New York City to take the training to become Welcome Wagon Hostess in Portland. Also, she was hostess in Dunkirk and Albany, Indiana with assistants working under her. She enjoyed this activity for nearly eight years. Later, she became an employee of the Jay County Hospital working in the X-ray department as Clerk. She was there almost ten years, then took her retirement.

The family became members of the Methodist Church in 1952, now the Asbury United Methodist Church. They have been very active there in many areas, also, in the Jay County Historical Society.

John David Blodgett enlisted in the U. S. Army after graduation and was sent to Oxford Air Force base in England. There he met and later married Betty Ward of Cheltenham, Glos. Betty was employed by the British Government in a bureau in Cheltenham. She was the daughter of Edward and Betsey Ward. She has one brother, Peter, who lives on Cape Cod, Mass. John and Betty live in Englewood, Ohio, where John is employed by the ABF Freight Company (located on Interstate 70 near there). They are parents of: Gary David, who is a computer programer in Centerville, Ohio; Audrey Ruth is a senior at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio; Keith Edward James, a senior at Northmont High School and Teresa Elaine, a junior at Junior Vocational School near there. Betty is employed at the Blood Center in Dayton.

Fred C. Blodgett, a graduate of Portland High School is employed at International Harvester in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is a bachelor and an avid bowler and figure skater. He also skates dance.

Nancy Lee Blodgett died in 1964. She had graduated from Portland High School and had attended Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana for two years.

Mary Lyn Blodgett was a graduate of Portland High School, and started nurses training in Fort Wayne, Indiana at Parkview Hospital Nursing School. She graduated in Patterson, New Jersey after her marriage to Robert J. Moravsik in June of 1963. She has a son, Barry Lee and a daughter, Athena Jill. They live in Ringwood, New Jersey.

Mark Stephen Blodgett graduated from Portland High School and from RETS Technical School in Detroit. He later graduated from Lawrence Technical Institute in Detroit. He is a professional engineer at General Motors, Cadillac Division. He married Phyllis Springer of Highland Park in 1968. She is the daughter of John Springer and Olga Nezwaski. They have a son, Michael Stephen and a daughter, Karen Olga. They live in Sterling Hts., Michigan.

Jim and I are both retired now, keeping busy with the Jay County Historical Society. We belong to the Asbury Methodist Church where we are both active in various areas. I am a member of the Research Club. We dabble in organic gardening. *Submitted by Thelma Blodgett.*

Blowers

Nathan Andrew Jackson Blowers was born in Warren County, Ohio in 1833. After he and his brother, William Henry Harrison Blowers served in the Civil War, they moved to Adams County, Indiana. Nathan married March 12, 1855 to Adaline Swank, the daughter of Christopher and Mary (Wise) Swank, natives of Pennsylvania. Nathan and Adaline were the parents of eight children: twins August and Justus, Mary, John, William Harrison, Andrew Johnson, Alonzo Smith, and Lilly Rose. Nathan purchased land east of Geneva, Indiana and was a farmer. At the time of his death, August 14, 1898, they were living in Geneva. Adaline died in 1912 and was buried next to her husband beside her parents in the Studebaker Cemetery at Geneva.

Nathan's son, Andrew Johnson Blowers, was born in Adams County in 1865. He was married in 1888 to Margaret Ann Aumiller, the daughter of Peter Aumiller of Snyder County, Pennsylvania and Sarah Catherine Tindall of Crawford County, Ohio. Andrew and Margaret were the parents of 13 children: Mrs. Ollie Beerbower, Alonzo, Noah, Everet, Samuel, Dewey, infant son, Mrs. Viola Derickson, Archie, George, Mrs. Golda Booher, Mrs. Florence Echrote, and Charlie. All were born and raised on a farm east of Berne, Indiana. Andrew and his sons were brick masons and farmers for many years. Andrew also wrote many poems that appeared in the Berne newspaper.

Andrew's son, Everet Harrison Blowers, was born March 22, 1895. He was married August 11, 1917 to Ruthanna Estalla Buckey, the daughter of Albert Buckey and Minnie Evelyn Gertrude Weaver. Everet served in World War I in the Machine Gun Co. 334 Infantry, stationed in France. When he was discharged, he worked with his father and brothers as a carpenter and auctioneer. He and Ruth then moved near Malden, Missouri in 1919 and cleared a small farm out of the woods. The Depression hit and things went from bad to worse. Finally they moved back to Indiana with just furniture, one cow and some chickens. He and Ruth worked in factories and sheared sheep. They rented the John Hardy Farm west of Bryant, Indiana and after a lot of hard work, bought 60 acres west of the Pleasant Ridge Church in Jackson Township, Jay County where Ruth lives today. They were the parents of five children: Grace Evelyn was born June 19, 1918 and is the wife of Rev. James V. Smith, Methodist pastor in Shelbyville, Indiana. They have three daughters and four grandchildren; Rebecca Flo was born February 21, 1924 and married Donald Money of Ft. Recovery, Ohio. Both were killed in an auto accident June 24, 1961. They had one daughter and two grandchildren; Jack LeRoy, born July 10, 1930, married Shirley Arlene Weaver. They have two children and one grandchild; Beverly Rose, born January 28, 1938, died March 3, 1938; Max Everet, born August 5, 1939, married Charlene Joann Barcus and have four children.

Jack and Max both live in Jackson Township west of Bryant, Indiana. Jack has been in the construction trade since 1955 and has helped build many of the homes and business places in Jay County. He and Shirley live on a 30-acre farm where they raise sheep and grain. Jack enjoys his garden and woodworking shop where he makes furniture for his home. They have a son, William Harrison, who is married to Sandra Dunmoyer with one child, Kori Lynn. Their daughter, Judy Ann is married to Bryan Blue.

Max was married February 1, 1958 to Charlene, the daughter of Floyd Barcus of St. Joseph, Illinois and Leota (Stemen) Barcus of Van Wert, Ohio. Max was in the navy and they lived in Mt. Holly, N. J. when Cindy Jo was born February 13, 1959. He was discharged August 4, 1960 and moved to Jay County, Indiana. He was employed for 13 years at Fisher Body Division of General Motors, Marion, Indiana where he became a journeyman diemaker. During this time Kathleen Sue was born April 3, 1961 and twins Marie Ann and Michael Allen on June 10, 1964. Max and Charlene grain farm 580 acres and raise hogs. They are members of The Gideons and also Union Chapel in Jackson Township where Charlene teaches Kindergarten Church and Max is song leader and Sunday school teacher. Their daughter Cindy, who is in the Navy stationed in San Diego, California, is married to Gregory Heaton. *Submitted by Max E. Blowers.*

Roy Booher

Roy Daniel Booher was born in 1893, to George Riley and Flora Alice Crist Booher, in Jefferson Township in a log cabin. He was educated in and around Redkey in several one-room schools. Roy was a railroader, a carpenter and worked as a laborer for years in factories around the Redkey area. He was a veteran of World War I.

Roy's brothers and sisters were: Bertha May (1885-1975), Earl Poe (1887-1957) born in Veedersburg, In.; Oscar Winfield (1891-1902) in Redkey, Susannah Elizabeth (1896-1974), and Burnice Izora (1900-1960).

Bertha May married David Lehman, of Celina, Ohio, where he was a contractor. Their daughter was Nancy Alice.

Earl Poe married Isabelle Bicknell. Their children were Margaret P., who married Basil Young; and Louise, who married Charles Pegg; Mary Ruth married Ralph Lewis, of Portland, where they lived; and Belva Kathryn. Belva was the head of the business department of the Jay County Hospital for a number of years. She is married to Max Miller, a musician. Max was a builder of pipe organs, a repairman of organs, pianos and other instruments. He has his own retail glass outlet, where he fashions his paperweights etc. They have one son.

Susannah Elizabeth married W. M. Heistand of Portland where they lived. Their children were: John W., Dorothy G. Butcher, Okema Saunders, Mildred Richards, James M., Burnice Davisson, and Imogene Walker.

Burnice Izora married Floyd Reff. Their children are Abraham Riley, Denorma Winifred, Arnol Richard and Clifford Roby. Abraham married Wanda Orcutt. They have two children, Tambra and Timmie. Denorma married Glen Odle. Robey Clifford married Louise Cochran, later Betty Joan Price Bantz. His children are Derinda Lou, Loretta Sue, and Audrey Nadeen, all born in Redkey.

Barton Brinkerhoff

Barton Brinkerhoff was born in Fishkill, N.Y., on August 29, 1816, son of John Jr. and Elizabeth (Barton) Brinkerhoff. He was a seventh generation descendant of Joris Dirksen Brinkerhoff, who imigrated to what was then New Amsterdam in 1638, sailing from Rotterdam. Joris was the first magistrate of Brooklyn, N.Y. and was one of the founders of the First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn. The descendants of his second son, Abraham, moved to Dutchess County, N.Y. where Barton was born six generations later. The town of Brinkerhoff, N.Y. still appears on some maps, although it has now been annexed by Fishkill. The home nearby of Col. John Brinkerhoff, where General Washington was an overnight guest, has been restored and is identified by a New York historical marker.

Barton was married in Cincinnati, Ohio on Aug. 6, 1848 to Eliza Agnes Collett, who was born in Yorkshire, England, Sept. 30, 1831. They lived in Hamilton County, Ohio for six years and then moved to Mercer County, Ohio. In 1861 they moved to Noble Township in Jay County, Indiana.

Barton was a steamship engineer first on the Hudson and then on the Ohio River. During the Mexican War he was engaged by the U.S. Navy as a civilian to participate in the first military operation transporting men, equipment, and horses by steamship. In Jay County, Barton was much in demand over western Ohio and eastern Indiana as a consultant on steam engines as they were introduced in saw mills in Ohio and Indiana. He also ran a brick plant and the streets of Ft. Recovery, Ohio were paved with his brick.

Six children of Barton and Eliza reached maturity in Jay County: Ellen Elizabeth, b. Mar. 28, 1854, married Dr. John Morehouse (no children); Emily, born Dec. 8, 1856, married Ezekiel Stone. Their children were Julia (Metzner), Louisa (Hough), Benjamin, Evaline (Burk), Belva (Teeter), Raleight, Calvin and Elizabeth (Nitcher). Ezekiel died just before Christmas when Elizabeth was a baby and during his funeral the house burned to the ground. Emily raised all eight children and all except the oldest two attended at least two years of college. Two earned doctor's degrees and one became a department head at Stanford University. Two earned masters' degrees.

Samuel, born Feb. 2, 1858, married Harriet Hearn. Their children were Elsworth, Clarence, Wilbur and Mary (Strauss). All three boys attended Huntington College. Samuel was a skilled carpenter and owned and operated an 80 acre farm in Noble Township. He also organized a farmers' mutual fire insurance company and was a trustee of the Bellefountain U.B. Church.

Mary Ann, born Nov. 13, 1861, married John Garber. Their children were: Anna Louise (Cooper), Agnes (Porter), Paul and John. She raised the children and cared for a tubercular husband while teaching school on one leg to age 70 in Chatanooga, Tenn. A school in Chatanooga is named Mary Garber School in her honor.

Henrietta, born May 23, 1865, married William Longwith. Their children were: Mabel (Miller), Harold and Jonas. She was the first head nurse of the Jay County Hospital in Portland, Ind.

Thomas, born Feb. 12, 1868, moved to Grants Pass, Ore. and married Merlinda May (no children). James, born June 5, 1870 married Louisa Zearbaugh. Their children were

Elgie (Lacey) and Earnest. He became a prominent farmer near Boundry.

Barton's children and their descendants now number over 280 and live in over 20 states and at least one lives in Europe.

Clarence E. Brinkerhoff

Clarence Edwin Brinkerhoff was born in Noble Township of Jay County, September 9, 1886, son of Samuel and Harriet Ann (Hearn) Brinkerhoff, and died January 29, 1965. He was a ninth generation descendant of Joris Dirksen Brin(c)kerhoff, who sailed to this country in 1638 from Rotterdam, Netherlands. (See sketch of Barton Brin(c)kerhoff.)

Clarence was married in Egan, Ill. on March 26, 1908 to Daisy Ethel Kretsinger, daughter of Lewis Franklin and Margaret Ellen (Speaker) Kretsinger. They lived one year in Noble Township before moving to a 67 acre farm in Bearcreek Township of Jay County. In 1933 they purchased the adjoining 80 acre Bechdolt farm.

Clarence attended Huntington College where he met his wife. At a "get-acquainted" mixer at Huntington the names of states were pinned on boys and the names of capitals on the girls. Clarence got the state of Washington and Daisy got the capital Olympia so they were paired together for the first time. Daisy studied music at Cole College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and then at Huntington College. She was a piano teacher over a 63 year period up to age 80. Both were very active in church activities, first in Burr Oak E.U.B. Church and later in the Westchester U.M. Church.

They had six children: Irma Luella, born Sept. 11, 1911, married Albert Milligan; Edith Pauline, born Oct. 28, 1913, died May 6, 1981, married Earl Schmidt; Howard Lewis, born Jan. 12, 1906, married Glendora Weaver; Burton Wayne, born April 15, 1918, married Winifred Hisey; Donald Edwin, born Dec. 6, 1921, married Margery Hisey; and Dorothy Jean, born April 14, 1924, married Frank Lapekas. They had a total of 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren as of this writing. The children were all musical and were active in church choirs, quartets, trios and other musical groups. One of the children became a piano teacher like her mother. One granddaughter received a scholoarship to a music festival in Austria and had a contract with the New York Opera.

Clarence E. and Daisy (Kretsinger) Brinkerhoff, married March 26, 1908.

Clarence was a proponent of higher education and encouraged his children to obtain as much education as possible on limited means. Two received masters' degrees and two completed nurses training. One became a postmaster, one a superintendent of schools, one the European engineering manager for a division of G.M., and one the charge nurse of a hospital unit. One grandchild is the director of a private school, one is night supervisor of a hospital and five are schoolteachers.

Clarence Brinkerhoff inherited the intelligence and ingenuity of his father and grandfather, but not their fiery disposition. He was a kind, gentle, Christian man who went out of his way to help anyone in need. He "turned the other cheek" when others took advantage of him, but he stood firm for what he saw was right in matters of Church and State, even when his belief did not coincide with popular opinion. He had a positive influence on the world around him.

John Berry Brock

John Berry Brock was born on July 27, 1893 in Pineville, Kentucky, son of William and Mary (Hoskins) Brock. He had two brothers and two sisters. He stayed in Kentucky until 1939. On April 1, 1920 he married Margie Lena (Burks) Brock, born on June 30, 1905. She came from Ashville, Kentucky, daughter of Elbert and Sarah (Hall) Burks. They had eleven children: Myrtle (Brock) Torres, Phoeba (Brock). Clark, Sarah (Brock) Overmeyer, Nell (Brock) Geirhart, Joice (Brock) Ingram, Elbert Brock, one son died in infancy, Mary (Brock) Boughman, Charlene (Brock) Graham, Phyllis (Brock) Bolin and John Gordon Brock. They had 63 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

John Berry Brock was an active member of the Kentucky National Guard from June 27, 1916 to May 7, 1917. His service was terminatd by honorable discharge. He was called for duty at several other dates unknown. He worked in the coal mines for 21 years in Elkhorn, Kentucky. He received from the United States of America, Department of the Interior Bureau of Mines a certificate of Firt-Aid training which allowed him to doctor the injured in the mines. He was called to the ministry in 1938 and continued preaching until he retired. He preached in Kentucky and Indiana for a number of years with revivals in other states. The family belongs to the Free-Will Baptist Church.

His wife, Margie, attended Hemphill School and she graduated from the 8th grade. At that time it was as far as you could go unless you would go to college. Ten children were born in Kentucky, one in Eillshire, Ohio. Mrytle, Sarah, Phoeba and Nall had schooling in Kentucky. The rest of the children had schooling in Portland, Ind. They lived 19 years in Kentucky. They decided to sell their properties and come to Indiana. They traveled in an old pick-up truck. They settled in Ohio for a short time. They later moved closer to their families in Wells County. They arrived in Wells County Christmas Eve 1939. They later moved to Jay County where they bought three properties. Their locations were at New Pittsburgh, N. Ben Hawkins St. and near Sheller's They lost one home by fire located on Ben Hawkins which they rebuilt. He worked odd jobs because of ministry. One of the jobs was to guard the water tower on S. Wayne St. Portland, Ind. during the war because they were afraid spy's would poison it. He later worked for Franklin Electric in Bluffton, then went into business for himself until he retired.

Margie Brock was a homemaker. People would praise her on good housekeeping. She would take in laundry and iron for other people. She is a wonderful person, and mother. She raised three grandchildren who were: Brenda Armstrong, Teresa Steen, and Roberta (Steen) Davis. She is always giving and thinking of the other person. That was one of the qualities John saw in her. They worked together for 57 years in marriage before his death on Dec. 15, 1977. Margie will never forget the harmony of love she and John had. She carrys on that love will never die. She remembers the depression, the triumphs and defeats as they struggled for life and happiness in Jay County. She remembers the brick streets that were sometimes flooded. She looks at the progress it has made and feels that great bond of strength from the American Dream. Her ancestors were the greatest, for her grandmother was a Cherokee Indian who's name was Elizabeth (given by white man) her husband was Jarviey Burks. She traveled over much of Kentucky and Indiana. Elizabeth delivered her children in a hollow tree in southern Indiana. Although Jarviey Burks was from Finlay, he saw the beauty and strength in Elizabeth. Margie often talks about her grandmother, Elizabeth, and the hollow tree. A story you could hear many times with pleasure and pride of American Heritage. She said God is with us because people wanted religious freedom when America began and God shall never die.

Brooks

I, Vivian Brooks, now Mrs. Arthur Studebaker, graduated from Gov. I. P. Gray High School at the age of 17 on April 17, 1941. I'm one of two daughters of Harold Leroy and Mary Bickner Brooks. My great, great, great, great, great grandfather, John Brooks, and his wife, Mary Campbell Brooks, were the first permanent settlers of Jay County. My ancestor, John, was born August 1791.

The old Brooks Cemetery is located on the original Brooks farm back in a field near the stream. The farm is about a mile south of the Claycomb Cemetery. That cemetery is on Rd. 120 West. I was born on the same farm. It is in Jefferson Township. It now belongs to a family named Resur, I believe. Old John Brooks was a great woodsman, and a friend of the Indians. He helped guide many families to their new homesites. He built the first log cabin in the county.

Our family has had men in every war in the United States has been in—four Revolutionary soldiers, on down to my son, Jerald, who was in the Vietnam conflict. He spent nine years in the U.S. Navy.

The Bickners came to the United States in 1892 from Holland and were early settlers living on the Jay-Randolph County line in 1843. My mother, Mary L. Bickner Brooks, was the daughter of Oscar and Vernie Totten Bickner. The Totten family came from Ireland and England, where they lived in Tottenham, a city named after them. They arrived in America in 1765, and to Ohio in 1800, then on to Jay County.

I am a Member at Large of the Daughters of the American Revolution. *Submitted by Vivian Brooks Studebaker.*

Henry Brosher

The founder of this family settled in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, in colonial days, having come from Germany. He served in the Revolutionary War under General Washington. Although the Brosher family generally followed agricultural pursuits, Henry Brosher was a tanner in Pennsylvania. His son, Peter, was born in Pennsylvania, later moved to Ohio where he was a farmer for most of his life. He married Elizabeth Bubp and they had the following children: Susanna, Nicholas (killed in the Civil War), George (served in the Civil War), Henry, John, Michael, Peter, Jacob, Mary and James. Michael, Henry and Peter came to Jay County, Indiana where they settled in Pike Township. Michael was born January 27, 1847 and was married to Rachel Bechdolt.

Henry Brosher was born June 24, 1843 and died February 1928. He married Rachel LaFollette who was born July 14, 1848 and died October 30, 1904. They were the parents of two children born in Pike Township: John who later moved to Marion, Indiana, and left no children; and Sara Elizabeth who was born February 17, 1884 and died February 19, 1934. Sara was married to Russell McCurdy of New Mt. Pleasant, Jay County. He was born March 14, 1883 and died May 1968. Their children are: Dorothy, Kermit, and Jane. Two girls, Ruth and Rachel, died in infancy. Dorothy was born September 2, 1903, and married Cecil Imel. Kermit was born November 1, 1904 and married Gladys Landers. Jane was born November 17, 1913 and married James Wilbert Landers.

The Brown Family

I was born in Warren, Indiana January 18, 1913. My parents were Reverend Ervin Byron Brown and Edith Cartwright Brown Hiatt. When I was seven months of age my father died and my mother and I moved to Pennville, Jay County to the home of her parents, Thomas J. and Mary Jane (Hyde) Cartwright. Dad had just been accepted into Northwestern University to study for the Doctor of Divinity degree and mom planned to study music. Mom had studied at DePauw University and the Fort Wayne Conservatory.

My great grandfather, Isaac Cartwright came to Jay County from North Carolina and his ancesters came from England. He married Nancy Porter December 30, 1839. Nancy was the daughter of Sophia Shaylor whose father was Major Joseph Shaylor of the Continental Army. In his will great, great, great grandfather Shaylor states, "I have served my country more than thirty years with applause and have three times received the thanks of the immortal Washington at the head of the Regiment...."

The Hyde family came from England in colonial times via North Carolina to Jay County. Related families to the Cartwrights and to the Hydes are the Hopkins, Hullinger, Shull, Foster, Carroll, Gibble, Thomas, Drury, and Maddox. Grandfather Cartwright, his two brothers, three brothers-in-law, and a cousin (Gibble), total seven charter members of the James B. Cartwright Post of the G.A.R. in Pennville. The original, framed charter and the large Post Bible were presented to the Pennville American Legion by my mother. James Cartwright was killed in the Civil War.

In the Centennial Booklet of Pennville Lodge No. 212, F. & A.M., dated May 25, 1957 the following is written, "Thomas Cartwright—prominent business man; large and commanding of stature; a natural born leader; W. M. seven years." p. 20. In The Weekly Journal, Thursday, November 18, 1915, Pennville, Jay County, Indiana, the principal stories were about the District Meeting of the Knight of Pythias. "Much of the credit for this district meeting is due to Thomas Cartwright, District Deputy Grand Chancellor, Commander of the Pennville Lodge. He has been presiding officer for six times, and to his efforts are due much of the large gain in membership. He has always filled his office with honor to himself and to the order...." p. 1.

In the same newspaper it is interesting to read, "On all the morning trains new arrivals were coming and registering at the hall...." p. 1. My mother ws pianist for the program.

My paternal grandparents were Thomas Melville and Laura Ella (McKinney) Brown. The McKinneys and the Browns came to Randolph County, near Fairview, from Pennsylvania. The ancestors of the two families were Scots who came to the New World in colonial times from Northern Ireland. Grandmother Brown's father was Joseph J. McKinney and her mother was Elizabeth (Maitlen) McKinney. Great grandfather's father was Anthony Wayne McKinney, a soldier of the War of 1812, and Anthony Wayne's father (Joseph) was a soldier with General Anthony Wayne during the Revolutionary War. My Grandmother Brown has a brother, Anthony Wayne McKinney. My Uncle Arthur Brown served in World War I.

Many of the McKinneys and my grandparents Brown lived in Jay County and are buried in Hill Crest Cemetery. The first two McKinneys are buried at Fairview. The Cartwrights and the Hydes are buried in Pennville cemeteries.

My home is in Pennville. I was married to Martha O'Brien November 26, 1947. We have two daughters, Beverly (Mrs. Steven B. Arnold), Melinda (Mrs. Robert A. Weaver), and two grandchildren, Jason and Andrea Arnold, living in Portland.

I will receive a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Ball State University where I was a doctoral fellow for three years. I was a Rector Scholar at DePauw University. I have been honored with listings in several Who's Who including regional listing in Who's Who in America. I own Intercor, Inc. a national and international consulting firm. I served in World War II aboard destroyers in the Pacific Fleet's Fast Carrier Force in various capacities including that of Executive Officer in training for command. I was awarded eight major battle stars. *Submitted by Thomas Cartwright Brown.*

Dr. Hezekiah V. Brown

Dr. Hezekiah V. Brown was born July 11, 1840 in Darke Co., Ohio to Julius and Elizabeth Markwith Brown. He was one of seven children, the others: Philip, born 1829, Jacob, born 1831, James W., born Jan. 22, 1832, John, born 1835 and Elizabeth (Mrs. William Fulk) born 1843. When 22 years of age he enlisted at Piqua, Ohio with Co. H 94th Ohio Volunteer Inf., served in the Civil War. Dr. Brown took part in the battles of Buzzard's Roost, Georgia, Adairsville, Resasca, Dallas, New Hope Church, Peachtree Creek, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Savannah, Big Shanty, Kēnesaw, Mt. Jonesboro, Bentonville and Chattanooga. He was mustered out in July 1865 in Louisville, Ky.

On Feb. 5, 1867 he was united in marriage with Mary M. Pitzenberger (Aunt Molly) in Darke Co., Ohio. In 1871 they moved to Jay Co., Ind. and resided at Liber for two years where he attended college. They then moved to Portland, Ind. and resided at 122 W. Arch St.

Dr. Brown taught school before receiving his M.D. Degree in 1882 and was actively engaged in his profession of a physician until 1902 when he retired because of ill health. He passed away July 28, 1916 at his home.

Mrs. Brown, born Feb. 5, 1847, was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Miller Pittsenbarger. She was in charge of millnery at Cartwright and Headington Department Store for 35 years, a member of the Methodist Church and an honorary member of B.P.W. Club. She passed away Feb. 20, 1939. They are buried at Green Park Cemetery, Portland, Ind.

James W. Brown, a brother married Sarah Ann Smider of Darke Co., Ohio. James passed away March 5, 1888 in Mercer Co., Ohio. Sarah Ann was born Oct. 17, 1837 and passed away July 28, 1878 in North Star, Ohio leaving the following children: Emaline Goslee Wilson, born 1856. She and most of her immediate family are buried at Portland, Ind.; Elisha (1865-1956) buried at Van Wert, Ohio; Elizabeth Dillinger, buried at Orlando, Fla.; Willis, born 1868, buried at Versailles, Ohio; Maude, buried at Orlando, Fla.; and Julius, born June 11, 1857 at Delisle, Ohio.

After Sarah Ann's death, James married Arminda Winter Wooten and they had two daughters: Rosa who married Henry Pitchford and Ann who married J. C. Bassett. Arminda had two sons: Dora and Eli and a daughter, Mary, by her first marriage.

Julius (1857-1928) was united in marriage to Jane Hemick (1860-1927) at Celina, Ohio. About 1888 they moved from Darke Co. to Mercer Co. Their first child, Daisey died when she was 11 months of age (1880-1881); the second, Bertha, passed away just four days after her 8th birthday (1882-1890); then Rie (1885-1933) married to Ethel Snider; Carrie (1888-1966) wife of Fred Welker; Bessie (1898-1970) wife of Ezra Lacy, and Gladys (1901-1963) wife of Clarence Nichols. All the family are buried at Swamp Cemetery except Sarah Ann and Daisey buried somewhere in Darke Co. I do not know the name of the cemetery, and Carrie and her husband are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery at Lima, Ohio.

Bessie and Ezra Lacy (1895-1964) were the parents of Faye, wife of Darrell Miller, parents of Suellyn and Anna Jean of Celina, Ohio; Carroll married to Ada Gunther (d1931-1970) parents of Wayne, Leah and twins Evertt and Evan of Lima, Ohio. After Ada's death, Carroll married Ruth Scott Campbell. Ruth had two daughters by her previous marriage, Judith and Sharon; and Lowell married Doris Jean Frail. Their children are: Jeff, Karen, Jane Ann, Robert, James, and Tom.

Altho Faye lived in Ohio, her church, Beaver Chapel Congregational Christian near Celina, Ohio was in the Eastern Indiana Conference which included Portland and for many years she was active in young people's work in this area, serving as District President for five years. She was employed at tCelina Public Library, Hale Real Estate and Insurance and for the last ten years that she worked at the Citizen Banking Company in Celina, Ohio. *Submitted by Faye Miller.*

Brumm

The Brumm family had originally lived in the Ukraine, S.E. Russia, c. 1300, where they had their own shipping line on the Black Sea. The name may have been spelled Brumagen, Brume, or Bruhm. In World War I, there was a Russian Battleship by the name Brumm. The Brumm family migrated across the Balkan Peninsula to Alsace Lorraine, France, which territory was sometimes controlled by Germany.

Peter and Salome (Scherer) Brumm and eleven of their thirteen children emigrated from Dourstol and Petersbach, France about 1847, spending about "47 days on the water," arriving in New York. Their journey took them down the Barge Canal, where an accident on the packetboat, while passing under a low bridge, resulted in a daughter Salome's breaking her back. This misfortune caused them to settle in Wayne County, New York. Some of their children moved on to Nashville, Michigan. Frederick moved to Jay County, Noble Township, Indiana.

The children of Peter and Salome Brumm were: (1) Peter, a minister in Evangelical Church, Michigan; (2) Frederick, who married Elizabeth Minung; (3) Louise remained in France; (4) Charles, who married Barbara Oswald and had children: Lewis, Catherine, Louisa, Mary and Charles in Wayne County, New York; (5) Salome, who married Jacob Lentz in Michigan; (6) Charlotte, who married Charles Tindall of Lock Berlin, N.Y. whose children were: William, Louisa, Sarah, Julia, Edwin, Orlena and Lillie; (7) George, who married Elizabeth Baltz, Nashville, Michigan, whose children were: William, Bertha, Emma, George, Frank, Philbert, Coy, Roy, Eva and Elizabeth; (8) Phillip died at age eight in France; (9) Rev. Lewis Brumm, who married Louisa Baltz. Rev. Brumm was a minister in the Evangelical Church in Michigan; (10) Harry, who died in infancy; (11) Caroline, who died in infancy; (12) Caroline, who married Jacob Young, Michigan; and (13) William, who died at age 15, Lyons, N.Y.

Frederick Brumm came to Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana in the 1850's from Wayne County, N.Y. Frederick and Elizabeth (Minung) Brumm had seven children: Louisa (Slamb); William; Charles; Dr. Lewis Daniel Brumm; George; Salome (Hearn)(Barnett); and Elizabeth (Grile).

William Brumm married Hester Adair, daughter of James and Mahala (Mercer) Adair. William and Hester Brumm's children were: James, Harley, Mahala Brumm Reichard of Mentone, Indiana, and William Allison Brumm.

Harley Brumm married Margaret (Kimble) Brumm, daughter of Benjamin and Laura (Shimp) Kimble. Harley and Margaret Brumm had one son, Luther, who married Agnes Marie Jetter, daughter of Charles David and Minnie Melissa (Atkinson) Jetter of Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana. Luther and Marie Brumm had three children: Myron Noel, Joyce LuRie Alig and Marilyn Gayle Acheson.

William Brumm's farm and Harley Brumm's farm in Noble Township are owned by Myron Noel Brumm and Luther Brumm, in 1981. *Submitted by Noel Brumm.*

Luther Brumm

Luther Brumm was born March 17, 1907 in Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana. Luther married Marie Jetter, June 26, 1933. Both are graduates of Fort Recovery, Ohio High School. Luther taught school for 26 years. After retiring from teaching, he bought the grocery store in Fort Recovery. He and Marie had the store for 16 years before retiring in 1970. Marie worked at the Peoples Bank in Fort Recovery, for nine years after high school. During that time, the bank was held up by two robbers. They did not wear masks but carried guns. No one was harmed, but they never were caught.

Luther Brumm Family

Left to right—back row: Joyce (Brumm) Alig, Noel Brumm, Luther Brumm, Marie Brumm and Marilyn (Brumm) Acheson. Center row: Lorna Alig, Alvin Alig, Karen (Cooper) Brumm, Larry Acheson and Virginia Acheson. Front row: Rodney Acheson, Suzanne Brumm, Lynn Acheson, Colleen Alig, Brenda Alig, Michael Acheson.

Luther and Marie Brumm have three children: Myron Noel, Joyce LuRie, and Marilyn Gayle. Noel married Karen Cooper, daughter of Knowles and Betty (Steelman) Cooper of Cincinnati; they have one daughter, Suzanne Elizabeth and live at Danville, Indiana. Noel and Karen now own the Brumm family farm, owned by Luther, Harley, and William Brumm in the past, located in Noble Township, Jay County. Earl Brumm and his family farm this farm, and Luther Brumm's farm, owned in the past by Harley Brumm. Joyce married Alvin Alig of Jay County, Ind.; they have three daughters, Lorna Marilyn, Brenda LuRie, and Colleen Bea and live in Mercer County, Ohio. Marilyn married Larry Acheson of Rural Route, Fort Recovery; they have four children: Virginia LuRie; Rodney Jo; Michael David and Gayle Lynnette and live south of Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Marie (Jetter) Brumm was born March 8, 1908 in Madison Township, Jay County, Ind. and is the daughter of Charles David and Minnie Melissa (Atkinson) Jetter. Charles Jetter farmed in Madison Township, Jay County. After retiring, he was caretaker of Fort Recovery State Park and lived with Luther and Marie.

Luther Brumm is the son of Harley Elmer Brumm (Oct. 5, 1879-Jan. 8, 1957) and Margaret (Kimble) Brumm (Nov. 18, 1880-Apr. 9, 1972) of Noble Township, Jay County, Ind. (Harley and Margaret Brumm are buried at Springhill Cemetery, Fort Recovery, Ohio.) Harley was the son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Minung) Brumm who came from Wayne County, New York in the 1850's to Jay County. Frederick Brumm was the son of Peter and Salome (Scherer) Brumm, who with eleven of their thirteen children, came from Dourstol, France to Wayne County, N.Y. in 1847. (Frederick and family are buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Jay County, Ind.) *Submitted by Luther Brumm.*

Karol Bryan

Karol Bryan, retired farmer in Jackson Township, Jay County, lives on R.R. 4, Portland, Indiana. He was born in Jackson Township, R.R. 2, Bryant, Indiana July 15, 1910. He was the son of Joseph H. Bryan and Martha Mildred (McCollister) Bryan who were both born in Jay County. Karol Bryan was born on a farm and received his schooling from eight years old at the Stephenson School, District No. 3 through the eighth grade. He then went to Portland High School. He farmed and worked at construction work until he was married July 3, 1930. He married Mary Pensinger, and they moved to a farm owned by his parents three miles east of Fiat in Jay County.

To this union were born two children: Norma Jean (Bryan) Williams, born May 14, 1932, and a son, Arthur Joseph (A.J.) Bryan, born March 28, 1940.

Karol bought his first farm in 1940 which was almost in the southeastern corner of Jackson Township. Before he retired, he owned 320 acres in Jackson and Wayne Townships, Jay County.

Mr. Bryan is affiliated with the Democrat Party. He was clerk for the election board for many years and remembers that his first experience was at the Poling School in Jackson Township in 1932 when Franklin Roosevelt was elected for his first term.

The family has bred Oxford Down sheep, Ayrshire cattle and Duroc hogs. Norma, the daughter, showed Oxford sheep and an Ayrshire heifer one year and continued showing sheep while in 4-H. A. J., the son, showed Duroc hogs and an Ayrshire heifer one year and continued with Duroc hogs while in 4-H.

Karol, being civic-minded, helped organize the Jay-County Ayrshire Breeders Association. He also helped organize the Pure-Bred Sheep Association and later helped to reorganize it under the name of the Jay County Breeders Association. In his showing career, he was known as a professional showman, fitter and trimmer. He is a charter member of the Farmers Union; he belonged to the Farm Bureau and was a director of the Jay County Co-op. He served as a Jay County Commissioner for nine years, beginning in 1960. He was also a member of the West Grove Grange for several years.

Now retired, he lives north of Portland on three acres of land. He still has 18 head of sheep to help keep him busy.
Submitted by Karol Bryan.

Bubp

Lillie Adella Spade married Roy Bubp March 1, 1910. They had three children: Violet, born March 3, 1912; Wendell Clifford, born March 9, 1915; and James Edward, born July 22, 1916. Violet married Roger Hollowell March 23, 1934. They have two daughters, Diane and Mary Ellen. Diane married Richard Gough. They became parents of Roger Allen and Richard Mark. Mary Ellen married Joe Lawson. Their children are Tammy and Cindy.

Wendell Bubp's first marriage was to Agnes Sorter. They had one son, Larry Allen. Wendel's second marriage was to Betty Thompson. Wendell was a very successful boxer, starting out in Golden Glove matches. He boxed in bantam, welter and middle weight matches. He was state champion several times in both welter weight and middle weight. He is living in Florida now.

Larry Allen Bubp married Janice Bourden. They are parents of four children: Larry Allen Jr., Lori, Lynn, and Jennifer.

James Edward Bubp married Captola Armantrout. "Cappi" has been a registered nurse at Jay Conty Hospital for many years. "Pete" has been a city postman for many years and is now retired from the post office. Their children are Lanna Sue, who is married to Michael Ninde, and live near the Bear Creek River in Bear Creek Twp. They have three children: James, Michelle, and Daniel Phillip. James Edward Jr. married Sharon Hartzell. Their children are Corby Allen and Christopher Patrick.

Mary Ruth Spade married James Spade April 1914. They had two daughters; Alma Ruth, b. Aug. 24, 1924, and Betty, b. Nov. 27, 1927.

Alma Ruth, born August 24, 1924 and Betty, born November 27, 1925. Alma Ruth married Paul Alvin Zook August 29, 1942. They had two children: Carole Alma, born December 26, 1943, and Judith Arleen, born July 4, 1948. Carole Alma married James Scott June 28, 1977. There were no children. Judith Arleen married Ronald Roeski July 10, 1972. They have one daughter, Cynthia Rebecca, born September 21, 1973. Betty Penn married Larry Gabriel. They have three daughters. Linda Diane, born May 26, 1948; Janet Lee, born November 10, 1952, and Sharon Lee, born March 18, 1955.

The Buckingham Family

The Buckingham's migrated from England to Maryland with Lord Baltimore, later moved to Fairfield County, Ohio. After seven years there, they moved to Indiana to the area near New Corydon, Wabash Township, Jay County, at about the time Jay County was organized.

George Buckingham and his wife were the family who came to Jay County and reared their family in this county. The family of children who were brought to this area, were Elias, Margaret (often called Marg), Mary Ann (?) Lydia and John.

Elias was the only one who married and reared children in Jay County. Margaret taught several terms of school in Jay and Adams counties, and later worked in a hotel in Bryant during the oil-boom days. She spent the last ten years of her life with relatives, most of the time with the Sterling Buckingham family. She lived to be 88, and died in 1931. Mary Ann, (I'm not sure of the name) moved west and the family never heard from her until her death, when one of her children wrote to Margaret. Lydia never married. She lived with her sister Marg, and died in young middle age. John never married. He died while working in a lumber camp in Canada and was buried there.

Elias Buckingham enlisted in the Union Army and was a private in Company 8, 89th Infantry regiment. He served during the four years of the Civil War. After he came home, he married Almeda Bartmess, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Raider) Bartmess. Almeda, too, had been born in Fairfield County Ohio and came to Jay County with her parents when she was just a year old. Elias and Almeda owned and operated an 80 acre farm where they reared a family of six children and where they lived and died. Elias died in January 1929, aged 88; Almeda died January 1938, age 94 years, 9 months. Their children were Sterling, Bay, Harry, Allie, Netha and Waldo.

Sterling, who married Kittie Houser, daughter of Adam and Nancy Macklin Houser, has two living children, Vivian

Pontius, who taught in Bearcreek Township and Portland City schools for 30 years, and now lives in Geneva; and Fawn Buckingham, who lives with her. A son, Emil Buckingham worked in Ft. Wayne for many years and passed away in 1979. Sterling Buckingham was a Jay County Commissioner from the North District for three terms. He was a commissioner when the present Jay County Court House was built. He farmed in Bearcreek Township and passed away in his home in August 1949.

Bay Buckingham, married Gertie Adams and they had two sons, Orval and Kermit, both deceased. Bay owned and lived on a farm along the Wabash River in Adams County. There was a woods of sugar maples on this farm and every spring he had a maple syrup camp. We children liked to go to Uncle Bay's at that time, when they usually cooked down the sugar water to make delicious syrup and candy. They usually did this at night. It was a beautiful sight; a big camp fire, with a great iron kettle hanging over the fire, someone constantly stirring, till the syrup was cooked down to the right consistency. Often there was snow on the ground in March and they would test the syrup by putting paddles full of it on the snow to cool. And that was when the children got to sample it. Bay passed away in January 1924.

Harry Buckingham married Myrtle Fenters and they had four daughters, all living at this time, 1981. Doris never married, she and Clara, wife of John Walter, live in Bearcreek Township. Madge, who was married to Chester Stoltz, lives in Ohio, on the Indiana-Ohio state line east of New Corydon. Gretchen is married to Clarence Snyder, and lives in Decatur, Indiana.

Allie married Elsworth Martin, one of the New Corydon Martins. They moved to Anderson, Indiana where they reared their family and where they died.

Netha married Walter Bell and they moved to Anderson, reared their family and died there.

Waldo Buckingham never married. He lived on the family farm with his mother and father and after their death, he bought the farm and lived there until his death.

There is no one left with the Buckingham name in Jay County. But they played an important part in the settling and early growth of Wabash and Bearcreek Township.

Buckmaster

Jesse A. Buckmaster, grandfather of Margie Buckmaster Nesbitt, started selling insurance in Jefferson Township, Adams County, Indiana for the "Fidelity-Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of New York" in the late 1890's or early 1900's. He taught school for thirty years and farmed. The insurance business started as a side line. Soon the insurance company awarded him the territory of northern Jay County as well as southern Adams County.

True Buckmaster, only son of J. A. Buckmaster, also taught school in Adams County, but came to Jay County in 1921 to service that territory for the insurance company. He set up his office at 125 West Main Street, Portland. The office is still in that location in a newer building which Dr. Mark Moran and Judge Moran, his brother, built in the early 1930's.

In 1923 the J. A. Buckmaster family moved to Portland also. He and his son True purchased two other agencies and became representatives of "The Home Insurance Company" and "The National Insurance Company"; thus, becoming agents for the three largest stock companies in the eastern United States. Real Estate sales and loans were added to the busines..

Jesse Buckmaster died in 1942. Byron Nesbitt joined the firm in 1946. True Buckmaster and Byron Nesbitt incorporated the firm previously called J. A. Buckmaster and Son into Buckmaster-Nesbitt, Inc. They sold fire, casualty and life insurance. Jan Nesbitt, son of Byron Nesbitt joined the firm in 1964. True Buckmaster died in 1967. Byron Nesbitt died in 1982. *Submitted by Verlyn Frank.*

The J. A. Buckmaster Family

Jesse A. Buckmaster, born April 4, 1874, was the son of David and Sarah Hutchinson Buckmaster of Jefferson Township, Adams County, Indiana. His father died when he was nine years of age. With the encouragement of his mother he attended Tri-State Teachers College at Angola, Indiana, and became a teacher and taught in the one-room schools of Adams County for thirty years. In August 1898, he married Harriet Ann Brewster, born December 22, 1881, the daughter of Daniel and Loverda Bebout Brewster. They lived on the Buckmaster farm until 1923, when they moved to Portland, to open an insurance and real estate office. Mr. Buckmaster was always active in community affairs and his church. He taught a Bible study class for several years in which the entire family participated. After moving to Portland, the family became members of the First Presbyterian Church. In the late 1890's or early 1900's, Mr. Buckmaster became interested in insurance and became an agent for the Fidelity-Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of New York. The family were interested in outdoor activities, expecially fishing. On a fishing trip in October 1942, he suffered a fatal heart attack.

The following is an excerpt from the tribute paid to J. A. Buckmaster and published in the Commercial Review on October 16, 1942.

"He was kindly, friendly and a quiet man who spent his life in his chosen field with energy and determination. He was always ready to share with others and never refused a request for aid.

"He was a scholarly gentlemen of the old school. His Christian spirit best exemplified the high ideal in which his life was spent.

"Hundreds of his former students today remember his kindly philosophy of life which he instilled into their hearts as children and which has been a guiding spirit to each throughout the years.

"Jesse A. Buckmaster was a man without ego. He was a faithful husband, a loving father and grandfather, and above all, a good citizen."

The son, True, joined his father in the insurance business and as they had acquired all of Jay County in their territory, they opened an office at 125 West Main Street in Portland, where the Buckmaster-Nesbitt agency is today. At first, their main business was with the farmers, then they spread out to all lines of insurance and all kinds of property.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckmaster bought the large house at 422 South Meridian Street, in 1931 and remodeled it into a tourist home and called it "The Shingles". There were very few motels at that time, so they attracted many tourists and salesmen who made it their regular stopping place. They met many interesting people in that home, including the famous artist, Norman Rockwell, who spent several days with them.

The insurance business continued to grow. After the death of Mr. Buckmaster, Byron Nesbitt the son-in-law of True joined the firm. After True's death in 1967, Byron's son, Jan, became a member of the staff.

After the death of Mr. Buckmaster, Mrs. Buckmaster continued operating "The Shingles" as long as she was physically able. She, then, bought a small house on East Arch Street and lived there until her death in 1965 at the age of 83 years. She was a elder in the Presbyterian Church, a past president of the Women's Association, a Sunday school teacher for many years and a member of the Research Club.

There were four children in the family. One son, True, who worked with his father in the insurance business, until his death in 1967. Claudia, who with her husband, John Arn, owned the Arn Jewelry Store in Portland, Claudia died in 1979. Lois was the wife of Lester Lotz and she died in 1941. Verlyn Frank, a retired school teacher is the only living member of the family and resides at 715 West Seventh Street in Portland, Indiana. All of the deceased are interred in the Green Park Cemetery. *Submitted by Verlyn Frank.*

Alexander Butcher Family

Alexander Bonaparte Butcher, born June 5, 1872, died May 19, 1938. His parents were George and Mary Elizabeth (Nelson) Butcher. He was married to Ella Hoover who was born Mar. 3, 1893, died Mar. 28, 1972. She was the dau. of Robert and Mary (Prouty) Hoover. Both are buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant. Raised in Bearcreek Twp. Jay County.

Lowell Leland Butcher, son of Alexander Butcher enlisted in the army at Lima, Ohio, Aug. 17, 1917 at the age of 20. He was sent to Ft. Sheridan and then transferred to Ft. Hancock and assigned to Co. L. 38th Infantry, 3rd Division with which command he sailed for over seas duties in the spring of 1918. He was there-after in almost constant action with the First Army taking part in the Aisne defensive, the Champagne—Marne defensive and the Aisne—Marne offensive. He was killed in the battle of the Marne July 23, 1918. (History of Jay Co.-Volumme I). He was a half brother of Loren, Doral, Elmo and Leo Woodrow Butcher. Buried at Riverside Cemetery, Geneva, Indiana.

Loren L. Butcher, 205 E. Washington St., Portland, Indiana, employee of Standard Brush and Brush. Born Feb. 4, 1910 and died Sept. 9, 1971. He was married Nov. 16, 1940 to Helen Iniechan of Geneva, Indiana. She was born Dec. 30, 1918 and worked at the Jay Garment for several years. There are no children. Mr. Butcher is buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant, Ind. Mrs. Butcher is now married to Vernon Schmidt Route 3, Portland, Ind.

Doral (Dub) Dorwin Butcher, born Aug. 22, 1912 and died Jan. 30, 1971 at the age of 58. Buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant. He worked for 35 years at the Teledyne Portland Forge and Foundry. On Mar. 10, 1945 he was married to Augusta Morningstar Berne, Indiana (birthday July 19, 1919). She was a piano and organ teacher, entertainer, worked at Jay Garment 14 yrs. While in Portland theyresided at 124 E. Washington, Portland. She now resides on Rainbow Lake, Geneva. No children.

Elmo Jennings Butcher, now Route 1, Rainbow Lake, Geneva, Indiana, a retired employee of Teledyne Portland Forge and Foundry. He was born Oct. 3, 1914, married Sept. 4, 1937 to Ruth Iniechen. Their children:

Sharon, m. to Byron Blankenbaker. Pennville ownsBlankenbaker Drug Store at Pennville. They have four children: Dean Allen, Nov. 28, 1958; Barry Lee, Aug. 3, 1957; Rita Jo (Dunn) May 13, 1962 and Ty Jarred, born Feb. 22, 1974.

Larry Butcher, m. to Linda Haines, Greentown, Ind., operates a feed elevator in Greentown. Children: Mark, Jason, Brian.

John Micheal Butcher, Geneva, Ind.

Leo Woodrow Butcher, 803 E. North St., born Oct. 3, 1914 (twin to Elmo). A retired employee of Sheller, Globe, Portland, Indiana. He was married to Christina Brown (a employee of Portland Coca Cola Plant) in Portland. They have two children: Nancy married to Michael Allen Nall, Ft. Wayne, three children—Joshua Allen, Brandon Michael and Erica Lynn (twins). Melvin W. Butcher, deceased, born Oct. 7, 1957, died Mar. 29, 1975, buried at Green Park Cemetery, Portland, Ind. *Submitted by Augusta J. Butcher.*

Butler

John Elbridge Butler was born June 18, 1900 in Steuben County, Indiana, the son of Elbridge E. Butler and Elizabeth (Emerson) Butler. He graduated from Salem Center High School and entered the army in 1918. He was sent for training at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was there when the war ended.

Mr. Butler returned to Steuben County and assisted the family on the farm. Desiring a business career, he moved to Fort Wayne where he worked for Maul Brothers. He married Ruby Edith Boyer, also of Steuben County. The family moved to Portland where Mr. Butler worked at Park Brothers Ford Sales. John Fredrick, their son, was born December 20, 1924 in Portland. In 1928, Mr. Butler joined John Hardy of Portland in expanding Chevrolet sales into Dunkirk and opened Crown City Motor Corporation on Commerce Street in an old traction station building. The business continued at this location until 1941 when a new building was built on South Main Street, Dunkirk. When there were no automobiles available for the public during World War II, a skating rink was installed in the building and farm implements were also sold.

Mr. Butler's philanthropies were well known. During the depression, he purchased coal to fill people's bins, took canned goods to the unemployed, loaned money to students and helped minority groups with school, credit and banking problems.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler were divorced. She and her son continued to live in the family home on Pleasant Street, and she was employed for some time by Nobility Silver Company as a district representative. She was a member of the Research Club and was active in the activities of Plymouth Congregational Church. She died in 1972.

In 1940, John E. Butler married Frances M. Sell of Indianapolis. She was a graduate nurse from the Methodist Hospital and was employed there as a registered nurse. In 1940, she took a leave of absence to go to Chicago Lying-In Hospital, University of Chicago, for further training in obstetries (see Sell).

John and Frances lived on Arlington Avenue, Dunkirk

John Elbridge Butler

until his death in 1948. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church; the Masonic Lodge of Salem Center, Indiana; Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne; Ralph Burgess Post 227, where he served as commander in 1933, Voiture 988 of the Forty-and-Eight, and the Elks Lodge of Portland.

John Fredrick Butler (Fred) attended Dunkirk schools, graduating in 1942. He entered the army in 1943, after attending Purdue University. He served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division in a field artillery battalion and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. His division was sent to occupy Berlin at the end of World War II and received a hero's welcome in New York upon its return in January of 1946.

John Fredrick married Ann Caldwell of Dunkirk, April 11, 1946. Ann, the daughter of John C. Caldwell and Georgia Fingleton, was born in New York City, August 4, 1925. She attended Dunkirk schools, graduated from Tudor Hall School in Indianapolis in 1943, and attended Radcliffe College until the death of her stepmother. Returning to college years later, she graduated from Ball State Teachers College in 1964 and completed her graduate degrees in 1978. Mrs. Butler taught at Redkey High School and Monroe Central High School.

Fred and Ann lived in Columbia City, Indiana until his father's death in 1948. Returning to Dunkirk, Fred became president of Crown City Motors, which became Crown City Chevrolet. He holds this position at present, Crown City having been in business for 54 years. He was commander of Ralph Burgess Post N. 227 in 1954, is a member of Elks Lodge No. 1776, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Forty-and-Eight. He served on the Jay County School Board for ten years, during which time the county high school was built. He is interested in flying, and he and Mrs. Butler presently reside in Jefferson Township, engaged in farming and acting as foster parents for teenagers.

John F. and Ann have four daughters: Elizabeth, born April 6, 1947, graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1965, received a B.A. degree from Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, and works in the advertising business in South Bend, Indiana; Susan, born November 6, 1948, graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1966, received her B. A. degree from George Washington University, Washington, D.C., spent several years as director of Runaway House, Washington, D.C., and is now a free lance writer in the Washington area; Jane, born October 28, 1951, graduated from Dunkirk High School, received her B.A. degree from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, received a M.F.A. degree from the University of Iowa, and is employed in Washington, D.C. in the printing industry; Sally Lynn, born October 4, 1955, attended Dunkirk schools and Prescott College, Prescott, Arizona. On October 24, 1981, Sally married Andrew L. Wilson of Santa Fe, New Mexico. *Submitted by Ann Butler.*

Herbert Clair Bye

Herbert Clair Bye, born October 24, 1905, the son of Willis Sheridan and Rosa Almeda (Cook) Bye, was reared one mile north, two and one half miles east of Portland. He attended North Central College, Naperville, Illinois; was employed by United Telephone Company as a lineman; by Portland Municipal Power & Light; by REMC Construction Contractors and helped his father on his grain and livestock farm.

Herbert purchased his first auto, a 1926 Ford Coupe, for $620. He saw corn pickers replace hand picking; REMC power and light replace lamps; hybrid seeds, fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides increase yields; tractor replace nine big Belgian draft horses; and trucks replace driving steers to the stock yards by way of East Votaw Street to Meridian, south through the down town business district, across the Salamonia River bridge to West 3rd Street and west to the R.R. shipping yards. Hogs were transported by wagon or snow sled with wagon box and racks.

Herbert married, April 9, 1939, Alma Berniece Stein, born Mercer County, Ohio August 14, 1915, daughter of Carl and Clara (Gennig) Stein. For nine years, after marriage, Herbert worked full time in a factory as receiving clerk and farmed 160 acres. They and their three children moved in 1947 to their picturesque grain and livestock farm in Section one, Wayne Township. All of the family took active part in raising livestock and in 1972 were honored for outstanding contribution to the breed by Indiana State-Polled Shorthorn Association.

When the youngest child started to school, Berniece returned to the Secretary job market—was with USDA-ASCS for 21 years and, since retirement from there, works part time for Coldren & Frantz Real Estate Abstracting.

Son, Melvin Clair Bye was born November 21, 1941. 1959 PHS Graduate; has degrees from Purdue University in Industrial Engineering and B.S. in Supervision (Industrial Management). Position: International Harvester since 1963.

Left to right: Herbert and Berniece Bye, Marilyn and Richard Walker, Marlene and Clair Bye, Ilze and Bruce Bye (holding Kent). In front: Melinda and Tamara Walker, Marlo and Mitchell Bye, Leanne Bye. Christmas 1979.

Is manager, Quality Control. Father of Marlo Marie, 1970 and Marcus Mitchel, 1975.

Daughter, Marilyn Naomi Bye was born April 21, 1944. 1962 PHS Graduate; Porter Business College Graduate. Position: Office Manager, Fort Wayne Nephrology, Inc. Married Richard D. Walker, parents of Melinda Kay, 1968 and Tamara Jo, 1971.

Son, Bruce Willis Bye was born June 11, 1946. 1964 PHS Graduate; 1968 Purdue Graduate; was 1st Lieut. U.S. Army, Battery Commander of 125 men in Vietnam one year; Pennsylvania State Univ. Agricultural Economics Degree; Indiana Central Univ. Business Adm. degree. Position: Market Research Analyst, Elanco Products Company, a Division of Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis. Married Ilze Erna Henkels and parents of Leanne Nora, 1971 and Kent Andrew, 1976.

Herbert and Berniece Bye moved to a new home, 601 West Main Street, Portland, January 1, 1977. They own other city property and acreage in Sections 10, 14 and 15, Greene Township, four miles west of Portland. *Submitted by Herbert C. Bye.*

Joseph Reading Bye

Joseph Reading Bye was the second child and eldest son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Reading) Bye.

Samuel, born Jan. 29, 1764, Bucks County, Pa.; married 1790, Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph and Amy (Pierson) Reading of New Jersey. They moved to the western part of Pennsylvania, and Joseph Reading Bye was born January 12, 1792.

Joseph Reading Bye married Sarah Corbin, born 1790. they lived in Huntington Co. Pa.; moved to Columbiana County, Ohio and on to Jay County 1839. The family lived SW¼ Sec. 17, Pike Township, purchased from the U. S. Government August 20, 1838. The house is still standing and the last person to have lived there was a granddaughter, Sara Elizabeth (Sade) Gross who died 1945.

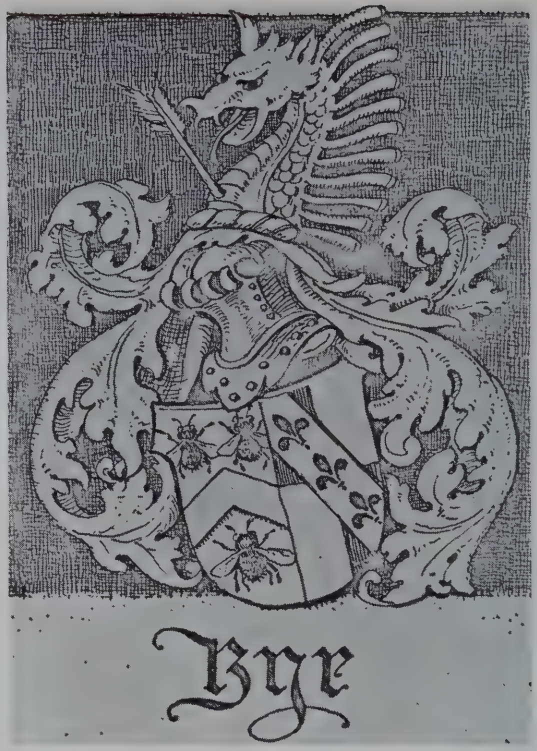
The children of Joseph Reading and Sarah (Corbin) Bye were William Corbin (1819-1887); Mosuria Elizabeth (1820-1865); Amy (1822-1872); Mary (1823-1873) married J. Rathbun; Eleanor (1825-) married Wm. Hockett; Edward Paxson (1827-1913); Anna Tacy (1829-1878); Charles R. (1831-1850); John Pearson (1833-1894); Samuel Jackson (1835-1922); David Madison (1837-); Emily Jane (1843-1920) married Wm. G. Darby and second Orange Pierce.

Three of the above sons were in The War of the Rebellion—between the Free and the Slave States of America. Edward Paxson ranked as Capt. of Co.G 15th Ind. and took active part in several battles; as did Samuel Jackson, who enlisted July 1861 and was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of service Sept. 1864 (see "Sam'l J. Bye") and the third son to serve, David Madison Bye.

Joseph Reading Bye died Feb. 18, 1865; Sarah (Corbin) Bye died May 14, 1887. A beautiful white bronze monument in the Liber Cemetery marks their burial places.

Joseph Reading Bye

Samuel and Elizabeth (Reading) Bye, daughter of New Jersey Revolutionary Governor, were parents of Theodosia, Joseph, Anastasia, Amy, Mary, Charles, William. Joseph, a farmer and cabinet maker, came to Jay County in 1839 by caravan to make their home on 160 acre farm in Pike Township. The last house a two story log built in 1853 still stands. Joseph Reading Bye was born in Bucks County Pennsylvania in 1792, died 1865 in Jay County, married in 1818 to Sarah (Corbin) 1798-1887. They had William, Mosuria, Mary, Eleanor, Amy, Edward, Anne, Charles, John, Samuel, Madison, Emily. Edward, Samuel and Madison Bye served in Civil War. John Pearson Bye, Farmer and Minister, was born in 1833 and died in Jay County 1894 was married in 1861 to Emily (Brown) 1840-1885. The parents of Eli, Isaac, Joseph, Charles, Alva, Oscar, Rosella. John married again in 1892 to Mary (Barr) Boes 1853-1922. One daughter, Garnet, born 1893. Charles Wesley Bye, son of John and Emily Bye was born in Jefferson Township 1869 and died 1937 in Jackson Township. He married in 1892 Mary Catherine (Greaf) Bye 1874-1941. Charles and Mary first lived on the Judge Jacob Haynes farm back of the Fair grounds and when Elwood Haynes brought his car to Jay County Fair in late 1890's, Charles and Mary were the first to ride around the race track in Elwoods car. Charles operated in Portland, three liverys in 1904 and later was a farmer and breeder of fine draft horses. Charles and Mary had Cleo, Irene, Cecil, Pauline, Donald, Ralph, John and four sons and a daughter died in infancy. John Christian Bye, born in Jackson Township in 1914, married Feb. 14, 1943 to Mildred Irene (Huey), born 1922 on the farm which is now called Bearcreek Farms. They are the parents of two sons and one daughter. John Bye is a farmer and was employee of Central Soya. Upon his retirement from factory spent his time obtaining the Bye Coats of Arms. He had to obtain marriage certificates and birth records back to 1475 to the first Bye to have the Bye Coat of Arms recorded. The children of John and Mildred Bye is John C. Bye Jr. who works at G. E. Decatur, born 1944, married Patty Ann (Kelly) Bye in 1964. To John and Patty a daughter, Cheryl



John Christian Bye family crest.

Ann, born 1966 and son, David Alan, born 1970. Rosemary Ethel Bye also worked at G. E. Decatur and was born 1945; she married 1966 to Richard Clutter of which Michael, born in 1969, Michelle Renae, born 1972 and Brian Lee Clutter, born 1974. Rosemary later married David Valentine and one daughter, Jennifer Diane Valentine, was born 1981. Charles Harvey Bye, employed at Teledyne, born 1946 and 1966 married to Dorothy Sue (Ross). Two sons, Todd Allen, born 1967 and Charles Harvey Bye Jr., born 1971. *Submitted by John C. Bye.*

Samuel Jackson Bye

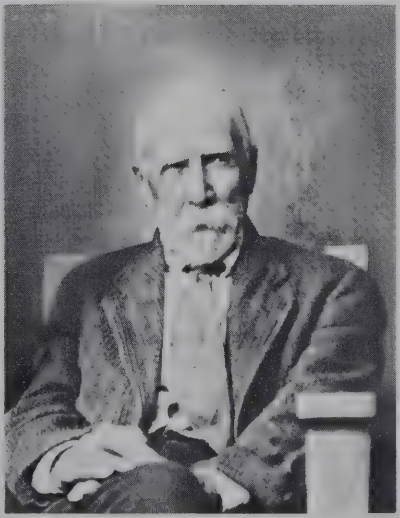
Samuel Jackson Bye was the 10th of 12 children of Joseph Reading Bye (1792-1865) and Sarah (Corbin) Bye (1790-1887).

Samuel Jackson Bye moved with his parents to Jay-County in 1839, his father having purchased the SW¼ Sec. 17, Pike Township from the U. S. Government Aug. 20, 1838.

Sept. 26, 1860, Samuel Jackson Bye purchased 40 acres SW¼ NW¼ Sec. 14, Wayne Township. The west half has remained in the Bye Family, being now owned by Mary Ruth (Bye) Sanders.

In July 1861, at Wilmington, Ohio, Samuel Jackson Bye enlisted in The War of the Rebellion—an unanswered problem between the Free and the Slave States of America. He took active part in the battles of New Madrid, Corinth, Ft. Robinett, Ft. William, Iuka, Parker's Cross Roads, Shiloh, Missionary Ridge and was with Sherman on his March to the Sea. He was honorably discharged Sept. 1864, the expiration of his term of Service. Also, in this war were two of his brothers: Edward Paxson Bye and David Madison Bye.

Samuel Jackson Bye married March 26, 1865 Malinda Jane Frazee, born May 28, 1845, dau. of David N. and Amanda (Ensminger) Frazee. (See "Ensminger-Frazee".) They were the parents of five sons and three daughters, namely: Alice Althea (1866-1896) married John Edmonson, no children; Loretta Evelena (1868-1941) never married; Willis Sheridan (1870-1960) married Rosa Almeda Cook, children: Mary Ruth (Bye) Sanders; Roy Thomas Bye, died age eight; Herbert Clair Bye and Harriett Naomi Bye; Franklin Russell (1873-1956) married Edith Throp, no children; Oliver Alfonso (1875-1957) married Estella Bolen, no children; David Chester (1880-1966) married Minnie Hatfield, lived State of Wash., had three sons and one dau.; Charles Elmer (1884-1965) never married; Eva Amanda (1886-1950) married Harry J. Miller, lived Indianapolis, had one dau., Nellie Marie Miller, never married.


A. Samuel Jackson Bye

B. Willis Sheridan Bye

Samuel Jackson Bye died Oct. 11, 1922. Malinda Jane (Frazee) Bye died March 16, 1921. Buried Antioch Cemetery, Pike Township, Jay County.

Willis Sheridan Bye

Willis Sheridan Bye was born December 15, 1870, the son of Samuel Jackson and Malinda Jane (Frazee) Bye. The family lived on acreage purchased by Samuel Jackson Bye Sept. 26, 1860 which has remained in the Bye family, being now owned by Mary Ruth (Bye) Sanders. (See Bye, Jos. R. and Sam'l J. for early history.)

Willis, being the eldest son of a family of eight children, hired out to John Prilliman at the early age of ten. He did all of the chores, chopped the wood for heating for $10 per month and went to school. He had a record of going to the old Centennial Mill, later The Haynes Milling Company, with oxen or horses for 76 years. He often recalled the day the original building was being erected by the pike-pole method. The family was stopped enroute to the Jay County Fair in a "traffic jam" caused by the construction. In the years following, he often went with his father to haul 4-foot logs for fuel to exchange for flour. One trip to live in his memory was when the oxen were mired down on east Votaw Street Road in spite of the fact that only a two wheeled wagon was being used to take eight bags of corn to the mill. On the return trip, the team became frightened and ran off—being finally stopped by the four Metz brothers.

His first purchase with intent to farm for himself in 1899 was a horse, $45; harness $24; and plow $14. In 1902 he purchased additional acreage in Sec. 14 Wayne Township from Peter M. Metz Estate.

Willis Sheridan Bye married Rosa Almeda (Cook)(See "Cook, Peter M.") Sept. 18, 1899 and had the following children: Mary Ruth, born July 17, 1900, married 1921 Forrest M. Sanders, born Oct. 17, 1901, the son of William and Della (Blazer) Sanders; Roy Thomas, born June 14, 1903, died July 14, 1911; Herbert Clair, born Oct. 24, 1905, married 1939 A. Berniece Stein, born Aug. 14, 1915, the dau. of Carl and Clara (Fennig) Stein; Harriett Naomi, born Feb. 8, 1908, never married. After graduating from Portland High

School with the Class of 1926, she remained in the home with her father and brother. At the beginning of World War II she accepted a position with the Air Force Logistics Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio which position she held until her retirement. She purchased a home in the City of Portland, Jay County, Ind. and has resided there since May 1975.

Rosa A. (Cook) Bye died Jan. 21, 1909 leaving children aged eight, five, three and eleven months. Willis married Jenny L. (Carr) Huffman 1913 who died following an accident 1917. He married Eva (Hartzell) Arbaugh 1942 who died 1958.

Willis was an influential citizen in the community—he was one of the first active Farm Bureau members in Jay County and was a member of the first Board of Directors of the Jay County REMC. He was a strong and faithful member of the church—the building stands on the corner of the farm where he lived on County Road 90, 2½ miles east of Hwy. 27.

Willis enjoyed his Polled Shorthorn cattle; Duroc hogs; Shropshire sheep; Belgian horses; a large garden and many beautiful flowers.

Willis Sheridan Bye suffered a stroke Thanksgiving morning, 1959, and died January 3, 1960 at the age of 89 years. He is buried in Green Park Cemetery, southwest of Portland.

Byrd

Francis Marion Byrd (Aug. 11, 1845-Mar. 22, 1922) whose father was Amos and married to Sarah McCelland, was married to Mary Elizabeth Mowen (Feb. 22, 1845-Feb. 16, 1929) whose parents were Daniel Mowen and Nancy Morris. Urbana, Ohio was the site of the wedding on July 2, 1867.

Francis Marion Byrd served in the Union Army (Civil War) enlisting Jan. 13, 1865 and was discharged on Sept. 20, 1865 from Nashville Co. Regiment Ohio. The original discharge is framed at the home of great-grandson Jack C. Freeman's home in New Corydon, Jay Co. Ind.

To this union were born 13 children: Laura Ann (Apr. 8, 1868); Lonzo Marine (Aug. 13, 1869); Charles (Aug. 20, 1871); Lawrence Daniel (Mar. 17, 1876); Carrie Jane (Jan. 12, 1880); Francis Marine (Feb. 23, 1881); Della Mae (Aug. 17, 1883); Martin Edward and Edward Martin, twins (Nov. 17, 1885); Catherine Priscilla (Jan. 12, 1888); Alice Idona (Oct. 10, 1890); Amos James (Apr. 10, 1892); and Albert Stevison (Dec. 10, 1893).

Alice Idona Byrd married Frank Clifford Freeman.

Caldwell

John Calhoun Caldwell (Jack) was born September 23, 1894 in Quincy, Illinois, son of Joseph Ralston and Anna Hyatt Caldwell. He grew up in towns along the Mississippi and graduated from high school in La Crosse, Wisconsin. As a boy, he gathered mussel shells to sell to a button company in Muscatine, Iowa. After graduation, he worked for this button company as a representative in Utica, New York. He entered the army in September 1917, went to officers' training school and received an assignment with the 82nd Cavalry as a second lieutenant. He went overseas with his unit, landed in England, crossed the English Channel on a cattleboat and was sent to Samur, France. He was discharged January 22, 1919.

John Calhoun Caldwell

Mr. Caldwell was a delegate to the first American Legion convention, held in St. Louis in 1921. He became a manufacturer's representative for the Hawkeye Button Company in New York City. His first marriage to Georgia D. Fingleton ended with her death in 1931. They had one daughter, Ann, born August 4, 1925.

On September 1, 1934, Mr. Caldwell married Treva Louise Gaunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gaunt of Dunkirk, Indiana, who was teaching in Northport, Long Island, New York. Treva had graduated from Dunkirk High School and received her B.A. degree from Indiana University after two years at National Park Seminary. She received a M.A. from Columbia University. Jack and Treva then spent a year in Rockville Center, New York, before moving to Dunkirk.

Their daughter, Kathrine Louise, was born January 8, 1936 while the family lived in the Weaver house on Washington Street. In 1938 they purchased the old Hart home on Washington Street. Treva Elizabeth was born May 15, 1938, and Margaret Mary was born December 6, 1940. Mrs. Caldwell died from influenza December 27, 1943. Many tributes were sent and written for her. She had strength, intelligence, warmth, and a true dedication to her family.

On May 11, 1945, Mr. Caldwell married Leonora Eleanor Lewellen, daughter of Albert and Essie Lewellen who were also Dunkirk residents. Their daughter, Joan Lewellen Caldwell was born May 4, 1948.

Mr. Caldwell was employed in sales at the Indiana Glass Company from 1935 until his death. Promoted to sales manager in 1950, he was instrumental in promoting new lines for the company after the automobile lense business was lost to seal-beam lenses.

Jack was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and often sang in the choir. He was active in the American Legion, serving Ralph Burgess Post 227 as commander in 1939. He was a member of Voiture 988, Forty-and-Eight, and served on the Dunkirk Park Board as they planned and created the Dunkirk Park. His whole family were involved with the educational system in Dunkirk and were active in Plymouth Church.

Mr. Caldwell died in Portland, Indiana, August 27, 1956 at the age of 61. Lenora and the girls lived in the family home. Kathrine graduated from the U. of Wisconsin, married Peter C. Haensel of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Their children are: Curt Caldwell, born February 6, 1960; Douglas Peter, born January 15, 1963 and John Charles, born September 23, 1967. Treva Elizabeth graduated from the University of Wisconsin, married William A. Breuch of Madison, Wisconsin. Their children are: Charles Lee, born November 12, 1961; David, born November 22, 1963 and Jeffery, born February 23, 1970. Margaret Mary graduated from the U. of Wisconsin and married Howard L. Gilbertson of Neenah, Wisconsin. Their children are: Thor, born February 13, 1964 and Katherine, born January 17, 1969.

Ann married John Fredrick Butler of Dunkirk (see Butler). Joan graduated from De Pauw University and teaches school in Cincinnati, Ohio. Lenora died in April of 1979.

Caster

James Caster, son of Gabriel and Catherine (Huffman) Castor, was born June 29, 1809 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. James left Allegheny County about 1836 and went to Preble County, Ohio. James married Rebecca Wilkinson February 8, 1838 in Preble County, and they lived in Washington Township adjacent to his father's brother, William Caster. Rebecca, born July 15, 1819 in Preble County, Ohio, was the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Evans) Wilkinson who originated in Nelson County, Kentucky. On August 20, 1838 James bought 160 acres in Wayne Township of Jay County, Indiana. In 1841, James and Rebecca and their two children moved from Preble County with a team of horses to Jay County, Indiana.

Rebecca died September 20, 1885 and is buried in the Liber Cemetery in Wayne Township, Jay County. James died September 13, 1892 and is buried in Wayne Township, Jay County, Indiana.

Their children are as follows:

(1) William A. Caster, born July 15, 1839 in Preble-County, Ohio. He married his first wife, Adelaide S. Wilder, in March 1868. His second wife was Margaret J. Miller.

(2) Elizabeth Stuart Caster was born about 1841 in Preble County, Ohio. She married Perry Stewart September 22, 1859 in Jay County, Indiana.

(3) Charles W. Caster, born about 1843 in Jay County, Indiana and died February 1964 at Bellefonte Station, Alabama in battle.

(4) Catherine Caster was born about 1846 in Jay County, Indiana and married William H. McLaughlin about 1860 in Jay County.

(5) Henry E. Caster was born in July 1850 in Jay County, Indiana. He married Josephine Abel November 19, 1873 in Jay County, Indiana.

(6) James Redmond Caster was born March 15, 1863 in Jay County, Indiana. He married Maria A. Whipple October 30, 1884. He died October 23, 1900.

James Redmond Caster, son of James and Rebecca Caster, was born March 15, 1863 in Jay County, Indiana. When he was born his two oldest brothers, William and Charles, were in Union uniforms. William enlisted in late 1861 and Charles enlisted in mid 1862. William had been wounded and was at home on furlough when James was born. Charles was in Tennessee at the time, but never returned home alive, as he died early in 1864 in Alabama. William was mustered out of service in mid 1864. James grew up on the farm his father had bought from the government in 1836 and started to develop in 1841. When James was seven his older brother, Henry, went to Preble County, Ohio to work as a farm laborer for his cousin, Curtis Wilkinson.

James married Maria Amanda Whipple on October 30, 1884 Maria was born January 17, 1863 in Jay County and was the daughter of David Olney and Elizabeth (Hilton) Whipple. Maria's nickname was Nancy. When Maria was only five years old her father died of a rupture that was first incurred in the Civil War service, leaving a family of five small children to be raised by his widow. Her Uncle John Weatherhead Whipple of near Cumberland, Rhode Island, invited Maria and her younger brother, Elmer, to live with him. Her mother died in 1876 when Maria was nearly 14 years old. She remained in Rhode Island until she was 21 and then returned to Jay County and married James.

James' father died in 1892 and the Caster farm was bequeathed to James and his brother, Henry. Henry farmed the west 80 acres and James farmed the east 80 acres.

James died October 23, 1900 of typhoid caused by drinking from a creek. He was only 34 years of age. He is buried at Green Park Cemetery in Wayne Township.

Maria was left with eight children ranging from 15 years to 9 months old. She continued to raise and educate the children. She was a member of the Mississinewa Chapter of D.A.R., of the local Women's Christian Temperance Union, and of the Rebekah Lodge. For many years she was a member of the United Brethern Church at Fairview.

In 1915 Maria moved to Portland and lived on West Arch Street. She transferred her membership to the United Brethern Church in Portland. Her neighbors and friends lovingly referred to her as "Aunt Maria".

On July 17, 1919, Maria married Anthony Reitenour of Ridgeville, Indiana. He died in November 1925. Maria died May 15, 1929.

The children of James and Maria Caster are as follows:

(1) Bertha Aldrean Caster, born August 6, 1885, married Homer Austin Losch December 25, 1907. Bertha died September 22, 1952. Bertha and Homer had one son, Charles.

(2) Enoch Elsworth Caster was born July 12, 1887 in Jay County. He was only 13 years old when his father died. He married Margaret Warner October 6, 1906. Enoch died July 13, 1936 of a heart attack at the age of 50.

(3) Alice Arletta Caster was born June 23, 1889, married Walter Scholer October 22, 1911. They had three sons: Walter Scholer, Jr., Emerson Caster Scholer and Charles Edward Scholer. Alice died July 9, 1970.

(4) Iris Emeretta Caster was born March 15, 1892, married Jacob Scholer May 1, 1915. They had six children: Elsie Elizabeth Scholer who married Wilson Leroy Evans December 7, 1935; Martha Ethel Scholer who married Kenneth Pfeifer who she divorced and later married Henry Crowl who is now deceased; Herman Elsworth Scholer who married Dorothy Merry October 2, 1949; Anna Marie Scholer born, July 7, 1925 and died September 13, 1927; Jacob Leland Scholer, born May 10, 1931 and died in 1978; Ruth Joan Scholer who married Ned Brown MacPhail on May 22, 1954. Iris died in July 1980.

(5) William Henry Caster was born February 26, 1894,

married Ruth Naomi Theurer on November 25, 1914 and died January 20, 1976. They were parents of five children:

A. Agnes Aldeen Caster was born September 1, 1915 in Jay County, married to Glenn Schmidt and later divorced. They have three children: Phyllis Schmidt, born October 25, 1937; Larry Schmidt, born October 24, 1944, and Carol Lyn Schmidt, born January 23, 1947. Agnes lives in Holly Springs, Florida and has three grandchildren.

B. Kathryn Caster was born February 27, 1919 in Jay County, married Chester Hudson, and they live in Portland, Indiana. They have four children: William Lewis Hudson, born June 18, 1938; Alice Audine Hudson, born May 19, 1943; John Alan Hudson, born March 9, 1945; and Ruth Elaine Hudson, born December 29, 1947. Chester and Kathryn have 12 living grandchildren.

C. James William Caster was born September 3, 1921 in Jay County, Ind. He married Beverly Stephenson December 24, 1941 and they live on a dairy farm near Bryant in Jay County. They have five children: James William Caster, Jr., born July 9, 1943 in Jay County and married Ladonna Ford January 26, 1974; Jack Allen Caster was born October 15, 1945 in Jay County and married Candy Phillips on December 30, 1969; Ann Sherlyn Caster was born September 30, 1947 in Jay County, married Daniel Kah June 17, 1972; Roger Dennis Caster was born April 20, 1953 in Jay County and married Claudie Dailey June 9, 1973; Mark Randall Caster was born May 26, 1956 in Jay County and married Patricia Hill June 3, 1978. James and Beverly have nine grandchildren.

a. James William Caster, Jr. and wife, Ladonna, have two children, Brandy Nicole Caster, born March 25, 1977 and Matt Aaron Caster, born April 11, 1979. They live on a farm in Jay County and Jim works at Teledyne Portland Forge Co. in Portland. Jim served in the armed forces spending a year in Korea.

b. Jack Allen Caster and wife, Candy, have two children, Stacie Caster, born March 20, 1973 and Scott Allan Caster, born July 29, 1975. They live in Fort Wayne where Jack has taught school for several years. Jack attended Ball State University.

c. Ann Sherlyn Caster and husband, Daniel, have three children: Beth Ann Kah, born February 24, 1975; Laurie Nell Kah, born November 9, 1976 and Timothy Daniel Kah, born June 20, 1980. Sheryl graduated from Ball State University and has taught several years in Flint, Michigan where they live.

d. Roger Dennis Caster and wife, Claudie, have two children, Emily Caster, born November 30, 1977 and Michael David Caster, born November 12, 1981. They live in Jay County, Ind.

e. Mark Randall Caster graduated from Indiana Central in Indianapolis. He and his wife make their home in Indianapolis.

D. George Edward Caster was born May 16, 1923 in Jay County, IN. He attended schools in the area and graduated from Portland High School in 1941. On August 29, 1942 he married Mary Ann Mills, daughter of Jesse Clyde Mills and Nellie A. (Lea) Mills.

George served in the Air Force during World War II and flew 32 missions over Germany.

George is presently in the advertising and printing business. He and his wife live in Portland, Indiana. They have five children living.

a. Michael Steven Caster, born and died August 17, 1943 in Gulfport, Miss.

b. George Edward Caster, Jr., born November 19, 1944 in Portland, In. He attended schools in Nobelsville, In., Sharon Center, O and graduated from Portland High School in 1963. He served in the U.S. Air Force from July 1963 to July 1967 the last year in Vietnam. He presently reside in Indianapolis and is President of Newspaper Delivery Service of Indiana, Inc.

c. William Clyde Caster was born December 2, 1947 in Noblesville, In. He attended schools in Noblesville, In., Sharon Center, O and graduated from Portland High School in 1966. He served in the U.S. Air Force from December 1967 to December 1971 the last year in Thailand.

Bill married Pamela June Coats on March 29, 1974 and they reside in Portland, In. where he works at Teledyne Portland Forge Co. They are parents of a son, Brian William Caster, born February 15, 1981.

d. Timothy David Caster was born August 31, 1950 in Noblesville, In. and attended schools in the Portland area. He graduated from Portland High School in 1968 then attended International Business College, Fort Wayne, In. Tim married Kris Ann Beck on June 12, 1970. He served in the reserrves from September 1970 until September 1976, spending six months at camp in Columbia, S.C.

Tim works as an accountant for Jay Petroleum, Inc., Portland, In. and lives at Route 3, Portland, In. Tim and Kris have two children, Alaine Lynn Caster, born August 5, 1976 and Bradley David Caster, born April 3, 1980.

e. Gene Ann Caster was born April 13, 1954 in Noblesville, In. and attended schools in Portland, London, O and graduated from Portland High School in 1972 then attended Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky. graduating in 1976. After graduation she taught school for two years at Bennett High School, Marion, In. and four years at Belmont High School, Decatur, In. She married New William Leichty March 25, 1978 and they reside at Route 2, Berne, In. where her husband is engaged in farming. They are the parents of one son, Nathan Rolandes Liechty, born January 10, 1982.

f. Patricia Marie Caster was born June 6, 1960 in Portland, In. and attended schools in Portland, In., London, O and graduated from Jay County High School in 1978 then attended Huntington College, Huntington, In. graduating with an Associate Degree in Secretarial Science. Patricia married Greg Smitley on December 17, 1978 and they make their home in Fort Wayne where Patricia is employed as a legal secretary and Greg is manager of one of Anthony Wayne's branch banks.

E. Donald Max Caster was born September 26, 1927 in Jay County, In. He married Barbara Kay Frost March 9, 1951. Don has worked for Chrysler Corp. in New Castle since 1952 as a machinist-machine repairman.

He is also a coin collector and a leather craftsman. Kay has worked as a secretary in the school corp. since 1968. Donald has in his possession an Illinois Watch Co. pocket watch made about 1860 that was owned by James Redmond Caster and later owned by William Henry Caster. Don and Kay have four living children.

a. Michael David Caster, born December 20, 1951, works for Chrysler Corp. He attended Ball State University. He was married in Oct. 1981 and lives in New Castle.
b. Kevin Ray Caster, born December 5, 1953, married Barbara Spayler on November 6, 1976 and works for Henry County Hospital. He attended Ball State University. Kevin and Barbara live in New Castle, Indiana.
c. Julie Caster was born and died December 27, 1958.
d. Kelly Denis Caster was born January 26, 1960 attended schools in New Castle and is presently a student at Ball State University, Muncie, In.

William Henry Caster farmed in Jay County and later started a wool and fur business in Portland, In. He was active in politics and served several terms as County Commissioner in Jay County. He died of a heart attack on January 20, 1976 and is buried at Green Park Cemetery.

(7) Rhuie Dill Caster was born March 23, 1896. She married Oran Elaine Griffin on August 10, 1931 and they were the parents of one daughter, Nancy Luella Griffin who was born August 19, 1936. Rhuie died April 28, 1968.

(8) Erma Honora Caster was born April 4, 1898. She married Charles Russell Morehous on February 2, 1916 who preceeded her in death. She married Arthur Addington March 10, 1941 and he also preceeded her in death. In 1960 she married Harry Lewis. Erma died January 12, 1970. She and Charles Russell Morehous had the following children:

A. Marjorie Louise Morehous was born February 9, 1917 in Jay County, married Carl Bibler December 21, 1935 and is now deceased. She and Carl had four children: Carl Evertt Bibler, Jr., Carol Elaine Bibler, Charles Alva Bibler and Patricia Louise Bibler.
B. James Arthur Morehous was born June 5, 1918, married Jackie McIlraine and later divorced, married Elizabeth Brown. James had one daughter by Elizabeth, Winifred Honora Rose Morehous. James is deceased.
C. Charles Calvin Morehous was born August 10, 1922 in Jay County and married Marie Bibler in 1951. Calvin works at the Post Office and lives in Portland, In. Calvin and Marie have one son, Gregory Wayne Morehous.
D. Janice Marie Morehous was born February 22, 1925 in Jay County and married John Phillip Horseman who was a U.S. Air Force career man but is now retired and lives in Chandler, Arizona. Jane and John have four children: John Phillip Horseman, Jr.; David Scott Horseman; Nancy Marie Horseman and Stephen Douglas Horseman.
E. Carl Warren Morehous was born November 4, 1932 in Jay County and married Thelma Baldwin. They live in Lynn, Indiana and have three children: Bruce Carl Morehous, Brenda Jean Morehous and Brian Scott Morehous.

(9) Elsie Leota Caster was born January 21, 1900 and married Dr. Forrest E. Keeling on October 20, 1923. They were the parents of three children. Barbara Jean Keeling was born June 17, 1925 and died March 24, 1935 and is buried at Portland, Indiana. John Edwin Keeling was born October 29, 1927 in Portland, In. and presently lives in Indianapolis and has four children Mary Jane Keeling was born June 7, 1930 in Portland, In. where she now lives. Elsie died October 21, 1973 and is buried in Green Park Cemetery. *Submitted by Mary Ann Caster.*

Joe Champ Family

Joe Champ was born in Redkey on May 26, 1930, the son of Ralph Champ and Lucille (Claycomb) Champ. He has lived his entire life in the Powers Station—Redkey area. He went to Gray school at New Mount Pleasant for 12 years, graduating in May of 1948, his father Ralph graduated from Gray school on May 20, 1918. Joe is a bricklayer by profession and a member of Bricklayers Union Local #19 of Muncie. He has also been involved in sports most of his life and was connected with the Redkey Little League program for 25 years.

On September 22, 1950 he was married to Virginia Cochran of Redkey, the daughter of Willie Cochran and Chloe (Vanoy) Cochran. They had three sons: Ronnie, born May 19, 1951, died May 20, 1951; Gregory, born January 8, 1953 and Ted, born June 27, 1955.

Gregory married Nancy Zimmerman, the daughter of John and Juanita (Eldridge) Zimmerman on September 15, 1972. They have three children: Bridget, born August 28, 1973; Mandy, born June 11, 1978 and Owen, born September 11, 1979.

Ted married Lu Ann Sears, the daughter of John and Barbara (Barnell) Sears on April 13, 1979. They have one daughter, Ashlee, born March 2, 1981.

Joe has three brothers and three sisters: Ralph Wayne, born August 1, 1920; Gene Dawson, born November 7, 1922; Colleen (Lewis), born November 14, 1927, died July 3, 1975; Joyce (Fullerr) born June 12, 1932; Royce Allyn, born July 18, 1935; Sandra (Kennedy), born May 2, 1937.

His grandparents were Arla Champ and Bertha P. (Dakin) Champ, married May 14, 1898. Their children were: Ralph, Mara Maxine and Garnet.

John L. Claycomb and Mary E. (James) Claycomb married January 5, 1884. Their children were: Lucille (Champ) Gertrude (Westervelt), Frank, Earl and Lea.

His great grandparents were Jacob Dakin and Harriett (Landess) Dakin, married June 25, 1880. Their children were: Bertha P. (Champ) Opal (Steed), Monte and Fred.

James C. Champ and Mary Etta (Goodwin) Champ married December 23, 1862. James was probably the first Champ to settle in Jay County. He bought 80 acres in Jefferson Township from John Wilson in 1866. The farm laid two miles east and ½ mile south of Powers Station. Their children were: Alma (Powers), Arla, Lonnie, Lerten, Bertha (Cloyd), Ninnie (Thornburg), Mae (Martin), Pearl (Morrical).

Levi E. James and Margaret (Lake) James married May 29, 1864. Their children were: Mary E. (Claycomb), William V. and Henry Francis.

George Claycomb and Hannah (Gaunt) Claycomb married September 30, 1842. Their children were: Lavina, Henry, Alvaretta, Lewis E., Sylvester, Joseph J., Emily Jane, Mary Ann, John L., and Samuel.

Joe's great great grandparents were John P. Champ and

Sarah Wilson, married July 25, 1837 in Randolph County. John was the first Champ to settle in this area. He received 160 acres from his father-in-law James Wilson in 1837. The farm laid on the west edge of Ridgeville in Randolph-County. Joe's other great great grandparents were Timothy Goodwin and Mary Hollowell; Riley Dakin and Nancy Goucher; John Landess and Lydia Harness; Henry Claycomb and Susan Hully; Joseph Gaunt and Phoebe Severn; William James and Mary Watson; Vincent Lake and Mary Waters.

Henry and Susan (Hully) Claycomb were born and married in Virginia, settled in Jay County in 1838. He entered about a thousand acres of land in Green Township issued by the old government patents under the administration of President Van Buren. Susan died Dec. 6, 1841 and Henry died Sept. 22, 1849.

503 West High St., Portland, Indiana, about March 1981

Rev. Richard N. Chase Family

Rev. Richard Nile Chase arrived in Portland in November 1961, from Elmwood, Illinois, to become minister of the First Presbyterian Church. His wife, Mary, and five children arrived in mid-January. They lived in the manse at the corner of High and Noble streets, which was built around 1901 and was purchased by the church on Oct. 24, 1922 from Ella R. Smith Curtis and Sidney W. Curtis. The lot was first purchased by Abraham Cuppy on August 27, 1836. Mary Chase purchased the house in June 1966.

Rev. Chase was born April 28, 1920, in Peoria, Illinois, the first child of Edward Nile and Gladys I. Worth Chase. He attended school at Central High School, and Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. and completed college at the University of Chicago. He was graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, in May 1946. Richard was ordained into the Ministry at his home church, the Arcadia Avenue Presbyterian Church in Peeria, Illinois. His first pasterate was at Princeville, Illinois. Other pastorates included Central Presbyterian Church, Rock Island, Illinois, 1948-1951 and the First Presbyterian Church, Elmwood, Illinois, 1952-1961. He passed away on December 7, 1965, after a two year siege of cancer.

Mary Ann Kinsinger Chase was born November 11, 1922, the fifth child of Edward and Barbara Ella Garber Kinsinger at Pontiac, Ill. She lived on a farm near Chenoa, Illinois, and was graduated from the high school there. She attended Bradley University, Peoria, Ill. and was graduated from Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, in June 1946. She received her Master's degree from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, in June 1964. She taught school in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. In the past years she has done considerable work on her family tree. This has involved much research, both in the United States and Germany. She is making a family tree quilt which will become a family heirloom.

John Richard, March 4, 1948, and David Nile, October 11, 1949, were born in Davenport, Iowa. They attended school in Elmwood, Illinois, and were graduated from Portland High School. They both were in the band and in a number of the plays. David also participated in baseball and track. Both are living in California. John attended Ball State University and Indiana University while David attended the University of Chicago and was graduated from Sacred Heart College in Los Angeles.

Daniel Edward, August 15, 1953, Stephen Paul, August 4, 1954, and Karen Ann, December 27, 1956, were born in Peoria, Illinois. They attended school in Elmwood, Illinois, and Portland. Daniel was graduated from high school in Elmwood and attended the University of Colorado at Greeley. Stephen received his high school diploma from Shimer College at Mt. Carroll, Illinois, where he was also graduated. He attended also Oxford University in England. They both reside in California. Karen received her high school diploma from Shimer College, attended Los Angeles City College, Earlham College and was graduated from Webster College in St. Louis. She resides in Illinois.

Robert Clamme

The Robert Clamme family has lived in Jay County since 1973. They resided in Dunkirk in what was originally the John Sutton house and was subsequently the Martin and then the Whetsel funeral home on North Main Street. They moved their residence to State Road 26 east of Portland in 1977.

Robert Allen Clamme was born May 25, 1945 in Hartford City, Indiana, to John Raymond and Gladys F. (Porter) Clamme, where the Clamme family was engaged in farming. Following his father's death in the early 1950's, Robert moved with his family to Dunkirk. After graduation from Dunkirk High School, Robert attended Ball State University; served in the United States Navy aboard destroyers out of Norfold, Virginia; graduated from Ball State University with a B.S. in urban and regional planning in 1970; graduated fromIndiana University Law School at Indianapolis with a J.D. in 1973; established a law practice in Dunkirk and subsequently moved it to Portland; and was elected to two terms (1974 and 1978) as Jay County Prosecuting Attorney.

Rosalie Ann Clamme is the daughter of Allen James and Lena Mae (VanNess) Grose and was born October 31, 1947 in Anderson, Indiana, although the family resided in Alexandria. Following graduation from Alexandria-Monroe High School, Rosalie graduated from Ball State University with a B.S. in journalism in 1969 and a Masters of Library

Science in 1981. She became director of the Jay County Public Library in 1981.

Robert and Rosalie Clamme married in June of 1969 at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartford City, Indiana, and have three children: Lisa Rene Clamme, born 1970; Anne Kathryn Clamme, born 1975; and Robert David Clamme, born 1979.

The Clamme family's first representative in the United States was Pierre Clamme, Robert Clamme's great-grandfather, who emmigrated from the Alsace-Lorraine region of France immediately following the Franco-Prussian War. Pierre and his french-born wife, Elizabeth (Spiers) Clamme, established their domicile in Blackford County and had eight children, including John Henry Clamme. John Henry, who was elected sheriff of Blackford County in 1906, had three children including John Raymond Clamme, who was born in the jail residence.

Rosalie Clamme's ancestors have a long history in Indiana. Her father was born in Clinton County, Indiana, the son of Jason Welshons and Pearl (James) Grose. Jason Grose's father was Joseph Grose, and his grandfather was Ahijah Grose, a brother to Civil War General William Grose. General Grose's home in New Castle, Indiana now serves as the Henry County Museum.

The Clamme family belongs to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Portland, where Mr. Clamme served as a trustee from 1979 to 1981 and council vice-president in 1980. He is a member of the B.P.O.E.; American Legion; Jay County, Indiana State and American Bar associations; and a life member of the Indiana University Alumni Association. He is a director and past president of the Jay County Boys Club and a past board member of the Jay County Arts Council.

Mrs. Clamme is a member of the American Library Association and Kappa Kappa Kappa sorority, as well as being a director of Jay United Fund For You. She is a past treasurer of Dunkirk Glass Days, Inc. *Submitted by Rosalie Clamme.*

Clark—Tunis Families

Alice Catheline Clark b. 1-29-1912, was born in Winchester, the daughter of Ida May Barker, and Edward Joseph Clark. Ida Mey and Alice moved to Redkey where Alice attended school, graduating from Redkey High School. She has worked in offices, did some home nursing, and worked at the Caar Canning Company. She has been a member of the Redkey Methodist Church for many years.

Edward Joseph Clark was born in Winchester, the son of J.G. and Alfretta Huffman Clark. He worked as a plumber, enjoyed pitching baseball for the baseball club there. He was a veteran of W.W. I. He died in 1954 in Winchester.

Ida May was the daughter of John R. and Sarah Eliza Barker. Her mother was Sarah Eliza Burk, b. Nov. 6, 1893 on a farm northwest of Winchester. In Octobe 1914, Ida and Frank Joseph Tunis were married. He was a blacksmith, and owned and operated the blacksmith shop until 1925. Mrs. Tunis did home nursing and was also employed at Caar Canning Co.

Frank J. Tunis was born May 13, 1892 in Winamac, Indiana to Elmer U. and Cordellia Sorell Tunis. As an inductee of the Army in W.W. I, he was sent to Carnegie Institute in Pittsburg, Pa. for special training. He served as a policeman for some years in Redkey. He was affilated with the Redkey Masons Lodge, and the Knights of Pythias Lodge. He died May 18, 1963 and is buried in Kankakee, Ill.

William Henry Barker, b. Jan. 18, 1875, was the son of John R. and Susannah Montgomery Barker, of near Winchester. He married Cora A. Coby of Saratoga Feb. 16, 1901. She was born Sept. 14, 1878. They moved to Redkey in 1908 where they resided until his death. They made a home for his sister and niece Ida and Alice C. Clark until Ida's marriage. He had no children of his own. Wm. Henry worked as a watchman on the Pennsylvania Railroad near the Redkey Schools for years, also he worked in the tile mill, and the canning company. In late life, he worked on the Union Traction Line. He was a member of the United Brethern Church, the Redmen, and the Odd Fellows Lodges. He died in March 21, 1952. *Submitted by Ida May Tunis.*

James Bernard Clay

James Bernard Clay was born in Dunkirk (10-7-1918), the son of Charles Sinkler Clay and Zella Urick.

Edith Topen Glessner was born in Green Township (2-5-16), the daughter of Samuel Glessner and Martha (Mattie) Mitchell.

Charles Sinkler Clay (b. 6-13-1894, d. 6-1943) came to Jay County in 1910 from Olive Hill, Kentucky. He was the son of John Clay (d. 1909) of Wayne County, Missouri and-Emma Garvin (d. 1899) of Carter County, Ky. John was the son of Martin Clay and Nancy Mullins. Emma was the daughter of St. Clair Garvin and Molly Thompson. St. Clair Garvin was the son of Jonathon Garvin and Betty Schultz, and Molly was the daughter of John L. Thompson and Susan Emens.

Charles Clay was working in a refractories yard in Carter County, Ky. at a time when refractory buyers from the Indiana Glass Company were at the yard to purchase refractories for their company's glass furnaces. They also recruited employees for their glass plant in Dunkirk. The company paid the expenses for those who chose to return to Dunkirk; the company then took money from the workers' weekly wages until the expense money was repaid to the Indiana Glass.

On March 21, 1914, Charles married Zella Urick (b. 3-3-1896, d. 7-1967) who was residing on "C" Street in Dunkirk with her parents, Otto Urick (b. 1870, d. 1956) and Isabell Brandyberry (b. 8-18-1869, d. 9-1-1952) both of Adams County, Indiana. Otto was the son of William Urick and Mary Culley, who came from Ohio. Isabell was the

James and
Edith Clay

daughter of Alexandria Brandy Berry (b. 8-26-1833, d. 1895) and Sarah Everhart (b. 1837, d. 1917). Alex was a member of the Civil War Company F., 147th Reg. Indiana volunteers.

The marriage of Charles Sinkler Clay and Zella Urick produced the following children: Hilda, James Bernard, Helen Louise, Betty Loretta, Katherine Pearl, Herbert Lee, Vera Irene, and Wilmer Richard.

Samuel Glessner (b. 7-2-1872, d. 9-15-1939) was the son of Valentine Glessner (b. c. 1830, d. 11-25-1881) and Anna Mariah Showalter (b. 4-26-1836, d. 12-7-1924). Valentine moved from Crawford Co., Ohio to Wells County, Indiana where he purchased 40 acres of land in Nottingham Township. On August 25, 1864 he married Anna Showalter. This marriage produced three children: Sara Jane (Jenny), Samuel, and Mary Alice (Polly). In 1870 the couple, with daughter Jenny moved to Phillips County, Kansas. It was here that Samuel was born, the first white child born in Phillips County. The family returned to Jackson Township, Jay Co. about 1880.

Anna Mariah Showalter was the daughter of William Showalter (b. 12-28-1806, d.?) and Polly________, of Henry Co., Ind. by way of Virginia. William was the son of Abraham Showalter (b. 8-1-1778, d. 2-8-1869) and Frances McCormick (b. 4-5-1785, d. 8-15-1866) Pennsylania. Abraham was in the War of 1812.

On February 17, 1896, Samuel Glessner was married to Martha (Mattie) Mitchell (b. 12-19-1877, d. 2-10-1920) who was the daughter of Samuel Mitchell (b. 2-4-1843, d. 5-16-1913), Sam Mitchell, Civil War, CoG. 54th Reg. Ind. Infantry, and Susanna Vance (b. 2-8-1840, d. 9-12-1914). Samuel was the son of Edmond Mitchell and Phoebe Price, both from Ohio. Susanna was the daughter of John Vance and Sara Koce (d. 10-10-1870) who were married in Montgomery Co., Ohio (12-1-1827), and were early Jay County settlers. The marriage of Samuel Glessner and Martha Mitchell produced these children: Melvin, Haskell, Mirl, Louella, Dorothy, and Edith Topen.

James Bernard Clay and Edith Topen Glessner were married May 6, 1939. They first made their home on Jaqua Avenue in Portland. They then moved to Dunkirk where James was employed at the Indiana Glass where he worked until his retirement in 1982. He worked in several departments, but spent most of his years in the Hand Shop where he was a skilled glassworker. He was a member of Local Unions 107 and 501 where he held several offices including president. Edith also worked several years as a shipping clerk at Indiana Glass, and then for several years was a nurse's aide at a Dunkirk Nursing before her retirement.

Their marriage produced three children: James Frederick, Mickey Charles, and Jackie Joe (who died in infancy). They have four grandchildren: Kimberly Ann, Daphne Louise, and James Derek III, children of James and the former Dorothy Thompson (daughter of Francis and Angie Bell Ramey Thompson of Front Royal, VA.) and a granddaughter Yvette Michelle, daughter of Mickey and the former Sheila Dayton (daughter of Ralph H. and Juanita Stimax Dayton of Dunkirk). They also have one great-granddaughter, Holly Lynn (daughter of Kimberly Clay and David Ramsey of Dunkirk. *Submitted by James B. Clay.*

Cline

I, Marion Franklin Cline, was born on August 28, 1912, the youngest of nine children, to John D. and Anna (Romine) Cline, in Champaign County, Ohio. I was in the first grade the day World War I ended. I graduated from Allen Township High School in Union County, Ohio in 1930. In 1932 I moved to Geneva, Indiana where I lived until 1939 when I started farming.

On November 21, 1940, Tabitha Dee Teeter and I were married at the U.B. Parsonage in Geneva by Rev. Roselle Miller. Tabitha is the oldest of three daughters of John E. and Lucy (Decker) Teeter. She was born November 30, 1916 in Geneva and graduated from Geneva High School in 1934. After our marriage we made our home on a farm in Jackson Township, Jay County on County Road 87 at Indiana 18.

We were out of Jay County from 1942 until 1948 farming in Adams and Wells Counties.

Our first daughter, Jacqueline Louise, was born June 22, 1945 at the Adams County Hospital. We were living in Wells County at that time.

In 1948 we bought our present home at the north end of County Road 115 in Jackson Township and moved there in April that year.

Our youngest daughter, Norma Jean (Jeanie), was born September 9, 1949 at the Jay County Hospital.

Both girls went to Poling School. Jackie went all twelve years and graduated Valedictorian of the last graduating class from Poling High School in 1963. Jeanie went through the eighth grade at Poling then graduated from Portland High School in 1967. Both girls were employed in the Data Processing and Loan Servicing Departments at Waterfield Mortgage Company in Fort Wayne for several years. Then Jeanie went to Fort Wayne National Bank where she worked as a secretary until her marriage.

On June 27, 1970 Jackie married Paul A. Sanders, son of Meredith and Genevieve (Imel) Sanders of Portland. They have one daughter, Norma Ann, born October 28, 1971.

On September 10, 1977 Jeanie married Rodney K. Lantz, son of Pauline (Archbold) Lantz and the late Earl Lantz of Berne. Both girls and their families are residing in Fort Wayne.

On April 25, 1954 my mother passed away. She had been living th us for several years. She was 83 and had been a widow since 1932. Tabitha's father died November 13, 1977 at age 81.

We both worked off the farm quite a lot. Tabitha worked about 14 years at the Jay Garment. I worked almost 25 years as a machinist-toolmaker; first at Service Tool and Die in Portland, and then I retired in 1979 after 15 years in the toolroom at C.T.S. of Berne. We have rented our farming ground out the last several years and are taking life a little easier. We enjoy traveling as much as we can afford and are very interested in history and genealogy.

Floyd Cline

Floyd Cline lives in Noble Township, and is a Class A electrician at the present time.

He was born August 1, 1941 at the Jay County Hospital, along with his twin brother Lloyd. He is the son of Frank E. and Leona (Warnock) Cline, whose history appears elsewhere in this book.

Floyd received his schooling through the 8th grade at the

Noble School, east of Portland. He attended Pennville High School since there was no high school in Noble Township, so he was transferred to Pennville. Because his father was a teacher here, it was the most convenient place for him to go.

After graduation from high school, he had a job as an electrician's helper, with Ray Morris. About this time he heard about a new factory being built near Woodburn, Indiana. He went there and applied for a job and was accepted by The B. F. Goodrich Tire and Rubber Co.

It was about this time that he married Rita Kay Myers, the daughter of Ralph and Mary (Yaney) Myers, on December 1, 1961. They lived for a while in Geneva and he drove each day to work. This became such a chore that they purchased a home just north of Woodburn on State Road 101.

While they were living here, three of their four children were born: Tracy Joe, on August 25, 1962, Todd Allen, August 6, 1963, and Tony Lee, July 11, 1966. All three making their appearances in this world at the Jay County Hospital.

Floyd worked here until about 1971, during this time he worked himself up to the position of foreman of all of the electricians in the factory. Working conditions became so unbearable as a foreman that he and his family purchased a farm in Jefferson Township, and moved his family back to Jay County. This time he worked for Jay Complete Electric. It was while living at this location that Trent Dion made his appearance, March 24, 1973. In 1978 Floyd sold his farm in Jefferson Twp. and purchased the buildings and 10 acres of land that was his mothers home place. He has completely remodeled the house and some of the other buildings. He has used mostly timber cut from a woods that was his great-grandfathers. He has cut, dried, and cured it so that all of the woodwork and most of the cabinents are constructed from native timber. Also a good portion of the other timbers are constructed of the rough cut timber.

Floyd left Jay Complete Electric and joined the Electrical Union and is now working as a Class A. electrician. He has helped wire several buildings in Jay County and surrounding communities. One of these being the new Jay County Hospital.

Tracy Joe graduated from high school in 1980, and is now serving in the U.S. Navy, in the field of nuclear engineering.

Floyd Cline Family
Front: Floyd, Rita and Trent. Back: Tracy, Todd and Tony.

Todd also graduated in 1981 and is also in the U.S. Navy, following in his brothers footsteps.

In his training as an electrician, Floyd took several courses from International Correspondance School and then while he was working at the B.F. Goodrich Co. he was sent at various times for training—which included some schooling from Devry Trade School in Chicago.

Frank E. Cline

Frank E. Cline and his wife Leona, have lived on the same farm in Noble Township for the past 40 years. Frank is the son of Clarel E. and Iris (Arnold) Cline. Clarel's father, Frank Leslie came to Jay County, around 1870, with his father, Ephriam S. Cline; from Clinton Co. Ohio. Ephriam's father Charles came to Clinton Co. from New Jersey, about 1830, when Ephriam was about four years old. Beyond this there is little known about the family.

Ephriam Salter Cline, the immigrant ancestor in Jay County, settled near Balbec, where he is buried with his wife Rebecca (Smith) Cline, in the Giliad Cemetery. Their children were: Frank L., Perry, Elisha, Newton, Alonzo, Augustus, Grace, Thomas, Rebecca, Dylwin and Dessie. Thomas and Rebecca died while yet children. All of the others lived for a while in Jay County, however, some scattered to nearby counties.

Frank L. married Mattie Paxson, daughter of George and Lydia (Mendenhall) Paxson, of Penn Twp. To this union were born three children: Clarel Everett, Ada Marie, and John Delbert (Pete).

Clarel was born on the old Godfrey Reserve, on March 8, 1889; with his Great Grandmother Mariah Mendenhall in attendance. (She attended 976 births in or near Penn Twp., as a midwife on horseback.) As a small boy he moved with his father to Knox Twp., north of Dunkirk on the county line. Here his father with his brother Augustus, operated a tile factory.

Maria Mendenhall

Clarel married Lulu Iris Arnold, daughter of Frank and Martha (Horn) Arnold in 1912. To this union was born one son, Frank Everett. When Frank was only three months old Iris died; leaving Clarel with a small son to care for. Two years later Clarel married Fanny May Barnes, daughter of Orange Lemon and Martha (Kesler) Barnes. There were no children.

Frank Everett Cline was born June 26, 1913 in Knox Twp.

Frank and Leona Cline

Here he grew to young manhood, attending the schools in Knox Twp., Dunkirk, Hartford City and Pennville. In 1931 Clarel purchased a farm south of Portland, near Collett. The family moved to this farm in March of 1931; that fall Frank entered Portland High School and graduated in the spring of 1932. That fall he entered Ball State University to study to become a teacher.

In the fall of 1934 he started his teaching career at the Rathburn School in Pike Twp. With the exception of five years that he was farming and serving as secretary of the Jay County Farmers Mutual Fire Ins. Co., he continued his teaching for 42 years. The 37 years of teaching were all spent in the schools of Jay County. The longest time spent in any one was Pennville, where he taught for 25 years, teaching 6th grade and Jr. High School. During his teaching career he was quite active in the County Teachers organization, holding several offices and serving as delegates to the State and National Conventions on several occasions. He ended his teaching by retiring in 1976 while teaching at the East Jay Junior High School.

On August 22, 1936 Frank married Leona Warnock, the daughter of William Earl and Cora (Hutchens) Warnock. Her great-grandfather, being Francis Warnock, who came to Jay County from Gallia Co., Ohio about 1838 and was one of the first settlers in Noble Twp.. To Frank and Leona were born four sons: Robert Eugene, Floyd Earl, Lloyd Everett, and Paul Edward. Robert lives in Fort Wayne and all the others live in Jay County.

Frank and Leona have been members of the Salamonia United Church of Christ, in Salamonia, all of their married life. They have always been quite active in church and civic affairs. Both belonging to Gideon's International and the Auxilliary. Frank is a member of the Salamonia Odd Fellows Lodge and the Portland Optimist Club. They are also members of the State and County Historical Societies.

Lloyd Cline Family

Lloyd Everett Cline lives in section 3, Wayne Township, and at the present time is the maintainence supervisor for all the buildings in the Jay School corporation. He was born in the Jay County Hospital along with his twin brother Floyd on August 1, 1941. He is the son of Frank E. and Leona (Warnock) Cline whose history appears elsewhere in this book.

Lloyd attended the Noble Township school located east of Portland, all the way through the 8th grade. Because there was no high school in Noble Township, he was transferred to Pennville for his high school; also his father was teaching here, and it was more convenient.

After graduation he went to work for Lasseter Appliances in Muncie, as a service man. All the time he was taking courses through International Correspondance Schools, in servicing of electrical appliances. In 1960 he moved to Fort Wayne to do the same kind of work for Stucky Brothers Appliances.

On June 3, 1961, he married Margaret Prescott, the daughter of John and Gladys (Jordan) Prescott, of Madison Twp. He took his bride with him back to Fort Wayne, but soon moved his work back to Lasseter's in Muncie. Here his first child, Bryan Everett was born March 23, 1962.

Within the year he went back again to work for Stucky's in Fort Wayne. He was not here long, however, until a job opened up for him with Goodrich Tire and Rubber Co., between New Haven and Woodburn. Here he was in charge of the heat control department. All the time he was here he continued his studies, with International Correspondance, in heating and air conditioning.

After accepting this position he bought a house in New Haven and moved his family here. It was while living here that Brenda Elaine was born, Feb. 15, 1964, and Brent Edward on Dec. 9, 1966. He continued his work here at Goodrich until he advanced to the position as foreman, but the job as foreman was not for him and he resigned to accept a job as maintainence for a dairy in northwest part of Fort Wayne.

After his brother Floyd moved back to Portland to accept a job with Jay Complete Electric, Lloyd purchased a small farm in sec. 6, Wayne Twp., and moved his family back to Portland. Here he accepted a job with Jay Complete and worked for them until the job with the school corporation opened, and the new high school became a reality.

Lloyd and Margaret and their family are all members of the West Walnut St. Church of Christ, and all take an active part.

Bryan graduated from Jay High School last spring and Brenda will graduate this year, 1982. Brent is a freshman and will finish his schooling in about three years.

Lloyd Cline Family Back: Brent and Bryan. Front: Brenda, Margaret and Lloyd.

Paul Cline

Paul Edward Cline was born Oct. 11, 1950, the son of Frank E. and Leona M. (Warnock) Cline. At the present time he is working for Harold Dick on a dairy farm.

Paul, like his brothers Bob, Floyd and Lloyd, received his early education in the Noble Twp. School located on Hwy.

Paul Edward Cline Family
Paul, Louwana, Arrowana and Paul II

Robert Cline Family
Standing: Weldon E..
Seated: Anita, Robert Christian and Robert.

26, east of Portland. Later he attended Pennville High School and graduated in 1968.

While yet in school he entered farming with his father. The continued as partners for about ten years; this time Paul purchased Frank's share, and Frank retired. Paul also-worked for awhile at Champion Homes in Ridgeville, he was working here when he was married. Later he worked with his brothers at Jay Complete Electric in Portland. When they left Jay Complete Electric, Paul started working for Jack's plumbing. In the spring of 1980 he decided to sell his farming equipment, and went to work for Harold Dick. Paul is not specialized in any particular field, but his variety of jobs in the past makes him a good repairman in almost any field.

Paul married Louwana Grimes on Nov. 7, 1970; the daughter of Charles and Wanda (Newton) Grimes. At the time of their marriage Louwana was a beautician. She soon moved her shop to their home in Madison Township, and has continued to operate it since that time. They have two children: Arrowana Sue, born Sept. 2, 1971; and Paul Edward II, born March 15, 1978.

Paul and Louwana now live in Madison Township, on the farm located on the northwest corner of the Twp. in Section 6.

Robert Cline

Robert Eugene Cline was born in Noble Township, Jay County, Jan. 9, 1939, the son of Frank E. and Leona M. (Warnock) Cline. His grandfather, being William Earl Warnock and Clarel Everett Cline.

Robert "Bob" received all of his schooling in Jay County. His grade school from Noble Township school east of Portland on Hwy. 26; then he, like his brothers, graduated from Pennville High School, where his father was a teacher.

After graduation he worked at Franks Greenhouse in South Portland, for a year or two. On October 31, 1958 he married Anita Ruth Steen, the daughter of Franklin Jr., and Betty (McRose) Steen. At which time he purchased a house at 119 S. Middle St. Portland.

It was while living here that Weldon Eugene was born, Feb. 20, 1960 and Robert (Robby) Christian on Feb. 15, 1964. Weldon has graduated from Northrup High School in Ft. Wayne and Ivy Tech. He is now a respiratory therapist at Veterans Hospital in Ft. Wayne. Robert is a junior at Northrup High School.

Bob worked for Hampton Bakeries in Redkey from 1959 until 1964. During this time the bakery changed names and became West Baking Co. Then on Dec. 2, 1964, Bob took employment in Ft. Wayne, Ind. at Food Marketing Corp., a division of Super Value, where he is still employed.

Bob and Anita purchased a small home on the south side of Ft. Wayne where they lived for about six years. At this time they became quite active in activities at the Gospel Temple. After moving to the north of Ft. Wayne they became members of The Wallen Baptist Church, where they now attend.

The Coldren Family

Peter Coldren (January 26, 1804-August 24, 1886) was born in Northumberland Co., Pa. and married Elizabeth Lutz (June 23, 1808-July 28, 1894) on August 12, 1828. They lived in Pennsylvania for some years then moved to Ohio for a short time before coming to Jay County in 1840. It is believed that Peter's father and uncle emigrated to America from Scotland. Peter ran the store at Antioch for many years. They had ten children then moved to Grant County in 1864 and are buried at Converse.

The ten children, six boys and four girls were: W. R., born May 17, 1829; Sylvester Triscott (July 29, 1830-April 9, 1857); John B. (March 13, 1832-June 18, 1833); N. J., born April 6, 1834; Robert Perry (March 17, 1836-June 19, 1839); S. L., born November 12, 1837; Sanford B. (March 7, 1840-July 30, 1906) served in the 100th Reg. Ind. Vol. Inft.; Hosea Tinson (September 22, 1843-May 29, 1921); Deliann Catharine (August 12, 1845-March 26, 1863); and T. W., born January 8, 1849.

Hosea Tinson Coldren was married on August 25, 1861 to Mary Frazee (November 25, 1837-November 22, 1917) daughter of David and Amanda (Ensminger) Frazee. Hosea and Mary lived on East North Street in Portland where Hosea was in the nursery business. Of this union five children were born: Elmer (February 18, 1863-July 20, 1946) married Mary Belle "Mame" Grantham, they had one son, Mark; Amanda (May 29, 1865-July 8, 1918) married John Starr in 1883, they had four children: Mordecai, Elmer, Sylvester and Lavella; Charles W. (February 20, 1867-?) married Ida Bolen, had one son, George; Flora (October 22, 1870-May 17, 1937) married Leslie Reid, had three children: Ernest, Destin, and Ruth Gilson.

Colwell Carrie (October 3, 1875-March 7, 1951) married Carrie Blanche Smith (November 26, 1884-November 5, 1976) daughter of John Calvin and Lucinda Elizabeth (Smith) Smith, on June 25, 1907. The Colwell Coldrens first

Mr. and Mrs. Col Coldren (1907)

lived with the Smiths, then moved into town on East North Street across the street from his parents. Their seven children were born at that residence before they moved to East Water Street, just east of the big bridge. After eight years, the family moved to a farm at the corner of roads 110 & 151 in Wayne Twp. During his early years of marriage, Colwell worked at the Butter Tub Company. Then after moving to the country, he became a farmer. They had the following children: Edith, born April 23, 1908, married Frank Stafford, they had one daughter, Mary Ann Klopfenstein; Beatrice Agatha (January 28, 1911-March 10, 1977) married Late Loy, they had one son, Mike; Lillian Agusta, born August 26, 1912; Charles William, born April 24, 1914, married Florence Heidegger, they had three girls: Sharon Rhodehammel, Marilyn and Becky; Mary Elizabeth, born February 21, 1917, married Robert Kirgan, they had one son, Patrick; Thelma Mae, born April 4, 1919, married Marvin Tullis, they had two children: Bill and Barbara Wehrly; Colwell Carrie, Jr. (Jiggs), born October 5, 1921, married Nilah Marceil May (May 7, 1923-September 16, 1979) daughter of Everett Edward and Florabel (Freeman) May, on October 9, 1942. Jiggs has worked hauling coal, as a milkman, a breadman, and sold feed for years with the Haynes Milling Company. He now works for the Jay County Co-op. Nilah was a long distance operator for many years in Portland. They had three children. Jiggs then married Mary Florence (Ford) Reece on November 1, 1980. Jiggs has lived in Jay County all his life. The children from the union of Jiggs and Nilah are:

John Edward, born January 6, 1944, married on May 30, 1965, Bettie Diane Wiley, born September 18, 1945, daughter of J. Mark and Florence (Fudge) Wiley. John graduated from Manchester College in 1966 and from Indiana University Law School in 1969. He first practiced law with Keith Fraser, then by himself for a short time after Mr. Fraser went on the bench. He formed the partnership of Coldren & Frantz in 1971. John served two terms in the Indiana House of Representatives, served as legislative liason for Governor Otis R. Bowen and is currently consel to the Speaker of the House. Diane is a substitute teacher at the Jay County High School. They are the parents of three children: Jade Everett, born May 1, 1968, in Bloomington, Indiana; Eric David, born July 21, 1969; and Julie Donell, born February 28, 1972. The last two were born in Portland and the family has resided at 520 East High Street since moving home in 1969.

Steven Michael, born December 15, 1947, married Jaye McNally. They are the parents of one daughter, Kelly, born November 11, 1977. Steve graduated from Manchester College in 1969, taught school in Van Wert, Ohio, for a few years, then moved to Florida. The family now lives in Houston, Texas, where Steve is sales manager for a Sony office product company.

Kathy Jo, born September 23, 1955, married Burton Sipe. They are the parents of two girls: Jennifer Lea, born November 28, 1976, and Andrea Lynn, born November 14, 1978. Kathy was a long distance operator in Portland and currently works at an insurance company in LaGrange, Indiana. Burt is service center supervisor for United Telephone Company at LaGrange.

All three of the Coldren children graduated from Portland High School. *Submitted by Diane Wiley Coldren.*

Corle

Josiah S. Corle, son of Adam and Martha (Shull) Corle was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania on April 11, 1838. Josiah's two brothers, Jonathan and Aaron were both soldiers in the Civil War. Jonathan was drafted from Pennsylvania and was killed in the battle of Peterborough. Aaron was drafted from Indiana.

On July 3, 1862, in Randolph County, Indiana, Josiah Corle married Mary Morton, the daughter of John and Margaret (Sipe) Morton. The Morton's had settled in Jay County in 1835 and Mary had been born April 21, 1846. Josiah and Mary Corl were the parents of six children: Priscilla C., born March 24, 1863; Martha Margret, born May 12, 1865; Julia Arabel, born October 26, 1871; Thomas Franklin, born July 22, 1874; Charlotte Linnie, born January 20, 1878; and David, born July 10, 1881. They all lived in Jay County where Josiah was a farmer in Pike Township and he also served as Justice-of-the-Peace after being elected in 1878.

Thomas Corle, son of Josiah and Mary, married Anna Wiggs. Twelve children were born to them: Herbert, Pauline, Cloyce, Mildred, John, Hascal, Harry, Gerald, Deta, and Robert. Twins, Almaretta and Henrietta lived only a few weeks after birth.

Herbert married Mary Reitenour and their children are: James, Donna, Ruby, Virginia, Richard, Jennie Rae, and Joan. Pauline married Luther Kauffman and they had no children. Cloyce married Avaline McFarland and they had no children. Mildred married Glenn Kessler and their children are: Stanley, Mary Jane and Rebecca. John married Nina McFarland and they had two children, Jack and Annabelle. John later married Ila Sorenson. Hascal married M. Idola Norris and they had no children. Harry married Helen Orr and their two children are Carol Sue and Dick. Gerald married Josephine Slemmer and no children were born to this union. Deta married James Gillespie and their children are: Cynthia, Lewis Irvin and Jan. Robert married Louise Reichard and they are the parents of Donna Jean.

The farm originally owned by Josiah and Mary Corle is now owned by Dick Corle, son of Harry and Helen Corle.

Peter M. Cook Home

Peter M. Cook

Peter M. Cook was the son of Thomas J. and Catharine (Mitchell) Cook who lived in Madison County, Ohio. They purchased 40 acres, being the SW¼ SW¼ Section 7, Jefferson Township, Jay County, Indiana Nov. 4, 1844 and continued to own this acreage until it was deeded to Asa F. Phillips Oct. 26, 1865.

Peter M. Cook was born April 20, 1846. He married 1869 Margaret Susan Curry, born in Randolph County March 10, 1851, later moving to Blackford County, Indiana with her parents Aaron S. and Eliza S. (Ewing) Curry (see "Curry").

Peter M. Cook and Margaret Susan (Curry) Cook were the parents of one daughter, Rosa Almeda Cook, born August 7, 1871. She married 1899, Willis Sheridan Bye. Their children: Mary Ruth (Bye) Sanders; Roy Thomas Bye, died age eight; Herbert Clair Bye and Harriett Naomi Bye (see "Willis S. Bye").

Margaret Susan (Curry) Cook died March 3, 1874. Peter M. Cook married Mary E. Stewart Hart February 15, 1877.

Peter M. Cook, during his life, resided in Jay County, Ind.; Blackford Co., Ind.; State of Kansas; purchased 80 acres, E½ NW¼ Sec. 14, Wayne Twp., Jay County, Ind. July 15, 1886 and lived there until he retired to 810 North Meridian Street, Portland 1907. He died Dec. 2, 1908 and is buried Green Park Cemetery, Portland.

William Court

William Court was born in Ross County, Ohio March 31, 1820. He was the son of Fredrick Court, who was an early pioneer of Marion County, Ohio. He married Matilia Dawson in the year of 1847, having six children: William Joseph, Phebe, Elizabeth, Mary, Mathew and one departed.

He moved from Marion County, Ohio to Jay County, Indiana in 1889. Departed from this life in April 1, 1904 at the age of 84 years.

The son William Joseph married Anna Brown in the year of 1889 in Payne, Ohio. Having six children, two sons: George Court and Clifford C. Court and four daughters: Dale, Velma, Inez and Lillian Court. They lived in Bryant, Indiana and later moved to Mendon, Michigan in the year 1913. He lived there until he departed from life in the year of 1941.

The son George Court made his home in Fort Wayne, Ind. Having one son and one daughter, still living in Fort Wayne, Ind. The son Clifford Court married Mildred Wood in 1928, making their home in Battle creek, Michigan. In 1943 he moved the family of eight children to Valparaiso, Indiana. They had three sons: Arthur, Kenneth, Jack and five daughters: Mary, Arlene, Shirley, Dorothy and Patricia, deceased. Clifford Court passed away Dec. 1955.

The three sons are still living. One son, the youngest, Jack Court Williams, living in Lexington, Ky. The oldest son Arthur Court lives in Valparaiso, Ind. having no children. Kenneth court married and making his home in Wanatah, Ind. with his wife and three step-children. *Submitted by Kenneth L. Court.*

John Cring

John Cring came to Wabash Township, Jay County, with his parents, Tobias and Catherine (Hedrick) Cring in 1840. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, on February 7, 1938, the oldest son of twelve children. He helped his father with the farming, then attended Liber College and taught a few terms. He was attending Oberlin College at the outbreak of the Civil War but left school to enlist in the 5th Indiana Cavalry and served until the end of the war. His regiment was captured by the Confederate Army and was held in Andersonville Prison for fifteen months.

When he returned from the war, Mr. Cring bought a drugstore in Fort Recovery, Ohio, which he operated for eleven years. In 1872 John Cring was married to Margaret Virginia Hanlin, daughter of James and Irena (Stephenson) Hanlin. They had come to Wayne Township from Jackson County, Ohio, in 1852, when Mr. Hanlin bought a 240 acre tract of land, which he cleared and improved.

In 1879 John Cring bought the furniture store on West Walnut Street, which he operated until his retirement, and the property now owned by the West Walnut Street Church. At that time there was a house at the northwest corner of the lot and a large red barn nearer town, where the horse and carriage and a cow or two were kept. In 1902 he built the large house where he and his family lived the remainder of their lives.

John Cring was active in the civic, business, and educational development of the growing community. He served several terms on the Board of Education and was one of the founders of the Eastern Indiana Normal School in Portland. He maintained his interest in farm land and bought several farms in Wayne Township. He died on January 28, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Cring had four children: Ella, Fanna, and Adda, born in Fort Recovery, and George, born in Portland. Fanna was married to Will Lare North, son of William H. North. Their only daughter, Mary Helen, was married to Burton H. Gildersleeve of Chatham, New Jersey in 1952. They had one son, Gary, who lives in Cranford, New Jersey. *Submitted by Mary H. Gildersleeve.*

Dr. George V. Cring

Dr. George V. Cring was born in Portland on November 7, 1883, the son of John and M. Virginia Cring. He was graduated from Portland High School and attended Earlham College, the University of Michigan, and Harvard University, from which he received his medical degree. Following his internship at Boston City Hospital, Dr. Cring established his practice in 1912 in the old Bimel Building at the corner of Meridian and Main Streets. After that building burned, he bought the office building at 116 West Walnut Street, where he continued his practice.

Dr. Cring served as a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Medical Corps during World War I.

Dr. Cring was an early advocate of preventive medicine. As County Health Commissioner, he established the County Visiting Nurse Association with a full-time registered nurse and public school health examinations in the primary grades. He introduced the use of the "patch test" for early detection of tuberculosis in the county, followed by x-ray when indicated. For many years he served as a Director of Both the Jay County and Indiana Tuberculosis Societies. For his work in detecting and preventing tuberculosis in the state, he was honored with the National Trudeau Award.

For his excellent work in the practice of internal medicine, Dr. Cring was elected into membership in "The American College of Physicians". He was an active member of the American Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical-Society, and the Jay County Medical Society.

Dr. Cring was interested in the civic and educational development of Portland and also continued his father's interest in farm land in Wayne Township. He was a member of the Rotary Club, the Masonic Lodge, and the Scottish Rite. Dr. Cring died on February 28, 1962. *Submitted by Mary H. Gildersleeve.*

Cromer Family

The Cromer family came to Jay County from Washington, County, Indiana. In 1912, Naomi Cromer married Arthur Black, a Jay County resident. After he-passed away, Naomi, married John Denniston. Her mother, a widow, Hannah Isabelle Bishop Cromer, sold her farm in Washington County. She, with her children John and Vernia, moved to College Corner in 1917. Vernia married Joseph Finch in 1918. John married Esther Coombs in 1922. Joe owned the grocery at College Corner and some time later John became a partner and drove the huckster route. In 1921 another son of Belle Cromer, Omar, his wife, Bertie Marshall Cromer and daughter, Mildred moved to Portland from Louisville, Ky.. Omer, John and Joe bought the Herbert (Spike) Long Cigar store on North Meridian St.. Omer Cromer was the manager, and the name was changed to Cromer Bros. Wholesale Tobacco, Candy etc.. In 1943 John passed away, and Omer became the sole owner. John Cromer had a daughter Annabelle. She married Thomas Conner. They had two children, Thomas Jr. and Elaine. Omer's daughter Mildred married Earl Haffner. Earl passed away in 1980, after suffering ill health from 1969. At that time, Earl had disposed of the hardware store that had been in his family many, many years. *Submitted by Mildred I. Haffner.*

The Crowe Family

Joshua Crowe (1-29-1795 to 2-16-1853) and his father Reuben moved from South Carolina to first Peoria, Illinois and later to Wayne County, Indiana, where on 1-27-1837 he married Phoebe Bond (2-11-1812 to 4-7-1883). Joshua and Phoebe Crowe moved to Jay County and settled in Penn Township in 1849. They had seven children: Ruth Ann, Daniel B., Abel Lee, Abijah Thomas, Mary Deborah, Jessie Benjiman and Reuben C.. Daniel died in the Civil War and with the exception of Reuben C., the other children married and moved from Jay County.

Reuben C. Crowe (3-24-1848 to 10-9-1929) was one of the best known citizens of Jay County. On 1-4-1870 he married Harriet T. Gordon (10-9-1847 to 11-1-1909), born at Dayton, Ohio and with her parents had moved to Jay-County in about 1852. After his marriage Reuben moved to one of the Grisell farms until 1881 at which time he moved to Pennville and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1884 he moved to a farm in section 25 of Penn Township which he had purchased a few years before. In 1899 he moved to Portland purchasing a livestock yard operation which he operated until his retirement in 1911. Reuben and Harriet had four children: Francis L., Roy A., Ora M., and Albert.

Roy Crowe married Vera Morrow and moved west. They had one child, Irma (Crowe) Brossman, who now resides in Moorehead City, North Carolina. Ora Crowe married Vannie Walton and moved to Oregon.

Albert B. Crowe (5-3-1879 to 1-2-1933) married on 12-24-03 Clara E. White (7-20-1885 to 12-2-1977) born in Fairfield County, Ohio, daughter of Lewellen and Martha (Mendenhall) White. Albert B. started teaching school at Portland in 1900 and in 1908 started teaching in Pennville. During this period he operated the Crowe farm specializing in the breeding and raising of pure-bred Poland China hogs. In 1925 he was appointed rural mail carrier at which he remained until his death in 1933. Albert and Clara Crowe and two children: Dorothy (Crowe) Keppler and Fred Robert Crowe who both presently reside in Indianapolis.

Francis L. Crowe (7-16-1872 to 11-20-1937) married Alida S. Jones (8-8-1869 to 2-1956) and was the first superintendent of Jay County schools and later became one of the first auditors with the Indiana State Board of Accounts living in Indianapolis and Pennville. He had four children: Herber, Garth, Elizabeth and Gordon. Herber and Garth moved from Indiana. However, Elizabeth (Crowe) Taggart presently resides in Indianapolis. Gordon Crowe (1-25-1906 to 7-13-1965) took over the operation of the Crowe farm. On 5-4-1938 Gordon married Sparkle Booker Guthrie and together they continued to purchase additional acreage expanding the farming operation as well as raising award winning livestock. During this period, the livestock feeding facilities on the Crowe farm were considered to be one of the most efficient in the area. Sparkle (Guthrie) Crowe is well-known for her outstanding contributions in the field of education, having held very responsible assignments with the State Department of Public Instruction; State Board of Education and the National Institute of Mental Health, Inter Professional Research Commission and the Department of Defense. Sparkle presently resides on and directs the operation of the Crowe farm in Penn Township.

Herman W. Cull

Herman Cull, born December 18, 1896, Noble Township, married on December 17, 1919 to Inez Theurer, born April 7, 1899, Madison Township.

In 1866, his grandparents, Jacob, born 1836, Marion, Ohio and Magdalene Zimmerman Dull, born 1838, Germany, bought 130 acres in section 28, Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana, along the Qauker Trace and moved from Marion, Ohio coming to Union City by rail, it being the closest railroad. Upon arrival at the farm, the cabin was still occupied. The family had to clean out a sheep stable and move into it. Other family members coming were their son, Fred; Jacob's mother, Magdalena Kuhl Cull, born 1809, Germany, coming to America with her parents and family 1826, settling in Marion, Ohio; and Jacob's sister, Caroline, who later married Andrew Schemenaur. Herman's father, George F. Cull was born in that stable, March 26, 1867. In September 1892 he married Anna Leonhard, born August 24, 1872, Noble Township.

Herman's grandfather, Jacob, died December 18, 1919. The estate was settled by March 1920, then Herman and Inez moved onto the farm and into the brick house built in 1880, still living in this house over 61 years later. Five generations have lived in this house plus two younger generations who have enjoyed visiting in its solid old walls. In 1859, ten acres were purchased to acquire the barn, originally built for a tobacco shed, its age unknown. Before 1879, when the railroad was built, Jacob Cull offered the company the right of way through the farm free if they would curve the railroad around the building site which offer they accepted.

Three sons were born to Herman and Inez: Harold, November 28, 1920-June 20, 1959, married Mary Miller on December 28, 1950; George, born June 21, 1922, married Alta White on June 20, 1942; Everett, born April 7, 1924. George and Alta have two children: James, born November 24, 1946, married Claudia Bevack in January 1981, he has a daughter, Christine, born August 20, 1969, from former marriage; Mary Cull, born May 8, 1948, married Bill Davis, three daughters, Lori and LeAnn, born July 7, 1967 and Angela, born April 18, 1969.

Herman and Inez are members of Zion Lutheran Church, Portland. A retired farmer, World War I veteran, he was a director of the Jay Co. R.E.M.C., county A.S.C. committeeman, county Farmers Union officer, served on the Noble Township school board when the consolidated school was built. She has belonged to the Noble Township Home Demonstration Club for over fifty years.

Inez's parents, John and Louise Meyer Theurer married Feb. 23, 1886, Marion, Ohio, had three other children, namely: Matilda married Harry Baldauf, Bertha married Daniel Baldauf, Mathias married Pearl Baldauf.

The four Cull brothers and their wives—left to right: Maurice and Anna Louise, married 50 years; Russell and Louella, married 54 years; John and Lura, married 62 years; Herman and Inez, married 62 years.

Herman is from a family of five boys, four living. Their wives are still living and in the four couples there is over 228 years of married life. Herman married Inez Theurer December 17, 1919; John married Lura Mitchell, October 29, 1919; Russell married Louella Geble, August 27, 1927; Maurice married Anna Louise Current, June 27, 1931.

Aaron Andrew Curry

Aaron Andrew Curry was born 1901, the son of William Amos (1857-1925) and Florence (Armstrong)(1871-1951) Curry.

His grandparents were Aaron S. (1820-1902) and Eliza S. (Ewing)(1831-1877) Curry. They migrated from Ohio to Randolph County, Indiana in the 1840's and on to Blackford County, Ind. in 1857. They were the parents of eight children, three born in Randolph County and five in Blackford County. Margaret Susan, who married Peter M. Cook (see "Cook"); James M.; William Amos, father of our subject; Harriett Levina; Thomas H.; Alfred M.; Sarah (died in infancy); and Edward.

William Amos and Florence (Armstrong) Curry were the parents of two children, Edith Lucile, born 1893, married Russell Brown, who was a banker in Greencastle, Ind. where they lived many years, had two daughters, Margaret Ann and Eleanor who live in California, where Edith Lucile died 1967. Eleanor married a Robert Bills, and Margaret Ann married John Cartwright. Also, Aaron Andrew Curry, born 1901, married in 1922 to Sarah Helen House, daughter of Vernon and Mary (McGuire) House.

Aaron Andrew and Helen (House) Curry were the parents of one daughter, Mary Ann, born June 16, 1932. Mary Ann married Joseph Shakespeare, has one daughter, Susan, born 1959, resides near San Francisco, Calif.

Aaron Andrew Curry was affiliated for 45 years with Refiners Oil Co. and Gulf Oil Co. and owned and operated his own distribution company. He and Helen owned and lived in a beautiful home along South Meridian Street, Portland, where Helen still resides.

Aaron died March 14, 1975 and is buried in Green Park Cemetery, southwest of Portland.

George Daugherty

George Daugherty, of Irish descent, was born Nov. 29, 1845, son of Jacob and Nancy Ellis (Shepherd)(Cole) Daugherty. George was born in Bearcreek Township, Jay County, Ind. He married Jan. 1, 1865 to Isabelle Fifer, b. Nov. 22, 1846, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Ann (Whiteman) Fifer of Jay County.

George and Isabelle Daugherty had ten children: Ida E., b. 1866, d. 1902, married Geroge William Macklin, and after his death to Jacob Armantrout; Jacob, b. 1868, d. 1947, married Estella Ford; John William, b. 1870, d. 1870; Edna, b. 1871, d. 1954, married George Gierhart; Lillian, b. 1874, d. 1944, married Elmer Haffner; George, b. 1876, d. 1942, married Fanny Macy; Luella, b. 1879, d. 1952, married Robert Fairchild; Lola I., b. 1881, d. 1968, m. Winfield Newcomer; Daisy, b. 1883, d. 1970, m. Oliver Pence; Andrew, b. 1890, d. 1962, m. Dale Court.

George was a farmer, Superintendant of Roads in District I, Bearcreek Township, and owned and operated a thrashing machine. They owned a farm one mile south of Macklin Church, where they raised their family. This land had two oil wells, producing oil until the farm was sold. They also had land in Wabash Township, Adams County.

George died Aug. 1, 1905 and Isabelle died Oct. 15, 1925. They are buried in the Daugherty Cemetery on Jay-Adams County Line. *Submitted by Helen P. Jackson.*

George Daugherty, Sr.

George Daugherty, of Irish descent, was born Sept. 15, 1798 in Virginia. He was married Dec. 23, 1819 in Fairfield County, Ohio to Christenia Butcher. Christenia was born July 28, 1803 in Ohio. George and Christenia owned land in Fairfield County, sold and moved to Jay County in 1836 they bought land on both sides of what is now Jay-Adams County line. They built a cabin on Section I Bearcreek Township, Jay County, where they raised their family of seven children. Their children were: Jacob who married Nancy Ellis Shepherd Cole; Andrew, died unmarried in Delaware County, Ohio; William who married Mary Ann Wise; Elvina M. who married Edward Pape; Nancy who married Mathias Hilton; Dorothy Norris and Charlotte Carr. George and Christenia lost a child at birth and they started the Daugherty Cemetery on the northeast corner of their land in Jay County.

George and Christenia divided their land in Wabash Township, Adams County and their land in Bearcreek Township, Jay County with their sons.

George died Oct. 18, 1870 and Christenia died Nov. 18, 1867. They are buried in Daugherty Cemetery, on their own land.

Jacob Daugherty, the son of George and Christenia daugherty, was born in Ohio and moved with his parents to Jay County in 1836 from Fairfield County, Ohio. Jacob was a farmer, and he married in 1842 to Nancy Ellis Shepherd Cole. Nancy was born in 1812 in Ohio, the daughter of William and Olive Primrose (Emery) Shepherd. Nancy married Shadrock Cole in Ohio and had four children. When he was killed in an accident, she came to her parent's home in Adams County. Her parents had moved from Franklin County, Ohio to Adams County, Ind. and bought land in Wabash Township in 1836, and land in Bearcreek Township Jay County in 1837. William Shepherd, father of Nancy, served in the War of 1812, and Nancy's Grandfather George Emery was a Revolutionary soldier from Loudon County, Va.

Jacob and Nancy Daugherty were the parents of five children: Christenia, b. 1843, d. 1917, m. John C. Pyle; George, b. 1845, d. 1905, m. Isabelle Fifer; Oliva Primrose, b. 1846, d. 1885, m. George Wm. Macklin; Margaret who married Lewis Mason; William Shepherd, b. 1854, d. 1923, m. Mary Jane Siberry.

Jacob and Nancy Daugherty lived in Adams County on land given by his father, just north of the Daugherty Cemetery. Jacob d. Dec. 6, 1865 and Nancy d. 1886. Nancy lived with her son William Shepherd after the death of Jacob. Jacob and Nancy are buried in the Daugherty Cemetery, Jay County. *Submitted by Helen P. Jackson.*

Deon Davis Family (1980)
Front: Cherryl, Roselyn, Deon. Back: Randel and Farrel.

Deon Davis

Deon and Roselyn Davis have been residents of Bryant for the past 16 years. They were married September 8, 1956, and are the parents of three children: Deon Farrel, born March 17, 1957; Cherryl Ann E., born December 4, 1965, who both remain at home; Randel Neal, born July 23, 1959, and is married to the former Roberta Steen. They also reside in Bryant and have two daughters: Rachel Lynn, born July 24, 1979 and Rebekah Susann, born May 19, 1981. Deon has been a Tool and Die Maker for twelve years. He also owns and operated Davis Radiator Repair in Bryant. Roselyn is a homemaker, and also ownes and operates Marie's Upholstery in Bryant.

Deon was born December 20, 1939 in Logansport, Indiana. He is the son of Ralph and Lena Elizabeth (Woods) Davis. His father was a farmer until 1958, he then was employed full time as an auto body repairman until his death April 10, 1980. His mother is a retired homemaker. Deon lived most of his childhood around the Anderson and Muncie area. He attended the Daleville School in Delaware County, and later the Bryant High School in Jay County. As a child he remembers watching his father repairing and painting cars and going fishing in a nearby river or a creek with his older brother.

Roselyn was born June 10, 1939 on a farm in Bearcreek Twp., Jay County and has lived most of her life in Jay County. She is the seventh child born to the late Ivan and Wilma (Roe) Hough. Her father was a farmer most of his life and her mother was a homemaker. During the hay making season, when Roselyn was six or seven years old she remembers riding on an old Buck-Rake with her father to the hay field to gather piles of lose hay to put in the barn for winter livestock feeding. As a child she enjoyed playing house with her younger sister and going horse back riding on her older brother's horse.

The progress of Jay County has come a long way since Roselyn's great, great grandfather Dennis Hough came to Jay County in 1842, 139 years ago. Struggling through the thickets and forests from Wayne County, Ohio with only rivers, creeks, and a narrow wagon trail to show him the way. Bringing only the bare necessities, some supplies, a wagon, a team of horses, and maybe a yoke of oxen, trying to find a new life for himself, his future children and grandchildren. *Submitted by Roselyn (Hough) Davis.*

Ralph Davis

Ralph Davis was born August 9, 1907 in Elwood, Indiana, Madison County. He was the only child born to Walter (1878-1966) and Eva (Simmons 1873-1917) Davis. His father was born in Madison County and was a farmer and landowner in that county. His mother was also born in Madison County and she was a homemaker. Ralph's great-grandfather Mark Simmons, James Anderson, and J. B. Frazer laid out the town of Quincy on March 1, 1853. This town is now called Elwood, Indiana. His mother died when Ralph was ning years old and a few years after her death he went to South Dakota with an uncle. He spent his youth on a farm and as a young man he worked as a farmhand, thrashing wheat, oats, and many other odd jobs. At the age of 19 he began to learn the trade of Auto Body and Fender Repairman by working in an Auto Body Shop in Anderson, Indiana.

On November 27, 1926 Ralph and Lena Elizabeth Woods were united in marriage. She was born December 4, 1909 in Alexandria, Indiana and is the daughter of James and Daisy (Highbaugh) Woods. She had two brothers and two sisters, but only two are now living. Ralph and Lena were the parents of five children: Ralph V., born September 15, 1927; Joan Elizabeth, born January 10, 1931; Richard P., born June 1, 1938; Deon N., born December 20, 1939; and Pamela Sue, born November 12, 1946.

The family moved to the Burkhalter farm in Adams County from Delaware County in 1951. With the help of his two younger sons they farmed about three-hundred acres. In 1955 they moved to a forty acre farm in Jackson Twp., Jay County. In addition to farming he was employed as an auto body repairman. Lena was employed as a nurse's aid at the Jay County Hospital. Several times while farming in the fields late at night, he would hear a loud scream of a wild animal, such as a cougar. He would see large animal foot prints, but had never seen the animal himself. This was an unusual sound to hear in this part of the country.

He decided to give up farming in 1958. They lived in Illinois until 1963, and after that they lived in the Fort Wayne area. He was a member of the Old Fort Motorcycle Club 12 years. Ralph retired in 1973, but having creative knowledge he went into business for himself, repairing and painting cars. He also custom built several side cars for motorcycles. This type of work was an enjoyment to him and he enjoyed riding his motorcycle. In February 1980 they became residents of Jay County once more. Ralph and Lena Davis were married 52 years when Ralph passed away on April 10, 1980. He is buried in Gravel Hill Cemetery west of Bryant. Lena is retired and continues to reside in Jackson Twp., Jay County. *Submitted by Roselyn (Hough) Davis, daughter-in-law.*

Ralph Davis Family (1940)
Front row: Ralph Jr., and Deon. Back row: Lena, Ralph and Richard.

Randel Neal Davis

Randel Davis was born in the Hospital at Decatur, Indiana on July 23, 1959, son of Deon Davis and Roselyn (Hough) Davis. He has one brother, Deon Farrel and one sister, Cherryl Ann E. Davis. He has lived in Bryant most of his life. He went to school in Bryant until they built the New Jay County High School from which he was in the second graduating class in 1977. He played little league baseball which was one of his favorites as a child. As a junior he took a job working at Berne Ready Mix. He recalls how hard it was going all day to school and afterwards to work. He struggled for two years until he began full time. He now is employeed by EPC in Geneva, Ind. On July 4, 1978 he married Roberta (Steen) Davis. Roberta was born in the Jay County Hospital, Portland, Indiana on May 1, 1960, daughter of William Robert Steen and Phyllis (Brock) Bolin. She was taken to Ky. when a month old with her grandparents John and Margie Brock until she was four years old. They returned in 1964 to Harrisville, Indiana. Roberta then attended Bible School and received a certificate for outstanding pupil for remembering the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer and Psalms 23. She went to school in Jay County. She now is a homemaker. They have two children: Rachel Lynn Davis was born in the Bluffton Clinic Bluffton, Indiana on July 24, 1979 and Rebekah Susann Davis was born in the Jay County Hospital Portland, Indiana, on May 19, 1981. They now live in Bryant on W. Elm St. One thing they always say "There's no place like home". Jay County is the best place to make a dream come true, for future generations. May God bless the people of tomorrow.

DeBolts

(Early Settlers)

The DeBolts were French Huguenots. Michael DeBolt came to America on September 3, 1739 on the ship, Robert and Alice. It is believed that Michael had a brother, George of which the DeBolts of Adams County are descended. The DeBolts settled in Fayette and Green Counties in Pennsylvania, having a strain of Indian blood.

David Sanford DeBolt, (August 21, 1860-January 1946) being the fifth generation down, was the son of John Marion DeBolt and Hannah Collier. He married Mary Elizabeth Hardsog (September 23, 1862-March 13, 1927). She was the daughter of John Frederick and Mary Elizabeth Hardsog who came to America. David S. and Mary E. Hardsog DeBolt purchased eighty acres of wooded land in Jefferson Twp., Adams County adjacent to Mrs. DeBolt's father's farm.

Mr. DeBolt cleared enough of this land to build a log cabin and seven children were born to this union in this log cabin. Later, Mr. DeBolt purchased another adjoining 80 acres to total 160 acres of fertile land with a large farm house in Jefferson Twp.

David S. DeBolt and Mary Elizabeth Hardsog DeBolt (taken around 1922).

Log house William V. DeBolt was born in Oct. 27, 1895, son of David S. (Mary Hardsog) DeBolt.

They were members of the Lutheran Church of Chattanooga, Ohio. Seeing the difference of the teachings of the Bethel Brethren Church ministry, ("The Bible, the Whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible") as their motto, they-turned to the Brethen teaching. They helped to start the church in a school house (six and one-half miles east of Berne, Indiana, Adams County, then south one mile) on the corner across the road from the late Charles Smitley farm.

Later, a Brethen Church was built about three-fourths of a mile north of the school house. Mr. DeBolt donated lumber from his woods to build the church which was completed December 14, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. DeBolt and Mr. and Mrs. John Hardsog were among the 16 charter members. Mr. John F. and John P. Hardsog (father and brother of Mrs. DeBolt) served as trustees of the church. John F. Hardsog had a daughter, Margaret, also a member of the church.

Mrs. and Mrs. David S. DeBolt had a daughter, Bertha E. Debolt, secretary for the church in 1902 at age 14. All are deceased.

The Hardsogs and DeBolts served as deacons of the church. *Submitted by Luella M. DeBolt.*

George DeBolt Family

George and Elizabeth Teagarden DeBolt had 12 children: Teagarden Soloman, William, David, Daniel, Abraham, George, Rezen, Jacob, Jeramiah, Mary, Margaret and Elizabeth. Abraham (November 12, 1776-January 12, 1856) and Christiana Kreager DeBolt (May 12, 1782-October 8, 1864) had 11 children: Isaac, Jacob, Michael and Daniel (twins), Mary, Reuben, William, Elizabeth, Washington, John and Racheal. Isaac DeBolt (March 22, 1801-April 4, 1863) married Elizabeth Poundstone, born 1806, they had seven children: John Marion, Abraham W., Amanda, Sarah Catherine, George, Isaac H. and David. John Marion DeBolt married Hannah Collier. They had three children: David S., Sarah Ellen and Jane.

Sarah Ellen and Jane DeBolt

Sarah Ellen DeBolt, daughter of John Marion and Hannah Collierr DeBolt married Isaac Chronister. They had nine children: Ollie, Frank, Veigh, Maude, Ina, Vida, Helen, Edna (deceased) and Elsie Mae (deceased). Vida Chronister (1900) married Anthony Lammert. They had one daughter, Norma. She married Richard Noll and had one daughter, Joyce, who married Kenneth L. McCon. They live in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and they have two children, Kimberly and Brian. Richard also has four step-children: Steven Helm of Decatur, Indiana; Kathie married to Allen Sprunger; An-

Army group while in camp from 1917-1919. Mr. William McVeigh DeBolt is standing in the back row #9 from the left along with others from Jay Co.

nie, married to Kent Tolliver and Penny Helm at home. Kathie and Annie live in Ft. Wayne. There are three three step grandchildren: Angie, Stacie and Mark Sprunger. Richard and Norma live in their new home in Anthony Wayne Meadows, Decatur. Grandchildren, step grandchildren and step great grandchildren survive.

Jane Debolt, daughter of John Marion and Hannah Collier DeBolt married Bill Worden. They are all deceased.

John Marion DeBolt passed away and his wife, Hannah Collier DeBolt married Pierson Talbert. They had three sons: Lewis Talbert married Leona Kimble, there were no children; Pierson Talbert married and they had three children: Hazel, Earl and Jessie; and the third son, Benjamin Franklin Talbert who married Rosanna Fear, and they had three daughters: Edith, born April 19, 1899 and married Wesley Waltz. After his death, she then married A. R. Horn (deceased); Virgie, born October 9, 1902 and married Kenneth G. Brady (deceased), and Marseal, born November 16, 1906 and married Paul F. DeWeerd (deceased). Edith, Virgie and Marseal live in Pennville, Indiana. There are no children. Benjamin Talbert, native of Mercer Co. lived in Pennville, Indiana where he learned the blacksmithing trade under Clifton Gaunt of Pennville, at his first shop at Fiat. He traveled to Cleveland, Oklahoma oil field, where he shod horses and was later employed for several years with Weidner Stables at Lexington, Kentucky, shodding several winners of the Kentucky Derby. He followed the major tracks in Canada, the United States and Cuba. Burial was in IOOF Cemetery in Pennville of Jay County. Benjamin had a half-brother, James Talbert. *Submitted by Leulla M. DeBolt.*

Denney Families

At this point in time we have traced the Denney (Denny) family origins back to Sir Jeoffrey Denny of London England who died in 1375 and whose famous scion Sir Anthony Denny was friend to King Henry VIII. The decendants of this family that immigrated to America included Samuel Denny, born ca. 1715 Suffolk County, Combs, England, who married ca. 1740 to ________ Southard and lived on Pilot creek, Surry County, North Carolina. To this union was born 17 children, one of which was Azariah Denny who married Sally Wise Felton. Six boys and six girls were to result from this marriage, James Denny being one of them. James married Rebecca Vanderpool whose ancesters immigrated to this country from Gorcum Holland and are listed in the annals of Beverswyck (Albany, N.Y.) in 1654. James and Rebecca migrated to Gallia County, Ohio in 1814 bringing their children, one of which was Lewis Denney, born 1797, Surry Co., N.C.

Lewis married Philista (Filicita) LeClerq in 1821 and they had 12 children. Miss LeClerq's parents were Louis Peter and Contance Louisa LeClerq who were married in France and immigrated to this country and to Gallipolis, Ohio with the famous "French 500" in the year 1790.

Of the 12 children born to Lewis and Philista Denney in Gallia County Ohio, it is known that the following moved to Jay Co., Indiana. Ira A. Denney, who became clerk of courts, Jay Co., Sophia, Angeline, and Royal. This migration about the middle 1840's. Royal Denney was born in 1833 and married first Elvira J. Haines and to them one child was born, Howard Horace Denney. Royal served his country during the Civil War as a 1st Lieutenant with the 89th Indiana Regiment and was captured at Munfordsville, Kentucky. Being immediately paroled he returned to Jay County where he was elected County treasurer, 1862-64. Royal served also as clerk of the board of councilmen for the town of Portland from 1873 to 1875. He was also a carpenter by trade and taught this trade to his son Howard Horace Denney of his first marriage. Royal married second, Frances Graves and they were parents of Charles, Louis and Mary I. Denney.

Howard Horace Denney and Elizabeth Layne Denney with two of their children, Royal and Leah.

Howard Horace Denney was born in Jay County in 1861 and married first Johanna Gilman of Celina, Ohio and to them four children were born at Portland: Jennie, 1887; Hildreth, 1885; Female, 1889; Female, 1892. Sometime around the year 1900 Howard moved to Gallia County, Ohio and married second Elizabeth (Bessie) Anna Layne who was born in 1883 and died in 1919 and is buried in Ashland Cemetery, Ashland, Kentucky. With his family of four children by this union who were my mother, Leah Louise Denney Myers, Royal Layne Haines Denney, Lelia Agnes and Clayton Elwood, Howard Horace traveled around the southern portion of Ohio working at his trade as painter and decorator and was in the Gallia County Times newspaper of September 1909 in that nearly every house for miles around bore witness to his taste and skill. Howard Horace Denney died in St. Francis Hospital at Columbus, Ohio on Nov. 14, 1939 and is buried in Eastlawn Cemetery in that city. *Submitted by Paul R. Myers.*

DePoy Family

Robert DePoy is the son of Sam and Della Winterhalter DePoy of Jackson Township, Blackford Co. His great-great grandfather, Martin DePoy entered land in Delaware Township, Delaware County in 1836. He was one of the earlier settlers of that county. The family emigrated from Greenbrier County, Virginia.

Treva DePoy was the daughter of Michael and Leota Siders Roberts of Redkey, Ind. She graduated from Redkey High School. Her maternal grandfather, Joshua Siders was one of the early mail carriers through Jay County. His route was from Richmond to Ft. Wayne, and Muncie to Wilshire, Ohio. He was one of the first volunteers from Jay County in the Civil War. He participated in the Battle of Champion

Hills at Vicksburg. His outfit was Company B, 34th Infantry.

Robert and Treva are residents of Knox Township. Robert is employed by 3-M at Hartford City. He will soon retire after 28 years of service.

They are parents of three children: Lowell, Alicia and Rhonda. Lowell DePoy married Rhonda Cheesman of Dunkirk. He is employed by A.T.T. at Hardinsburg, Ind. He services micro-wave towers for that company. They have two son, Byron and Chad.

Alicia is married to Ray Williams, and lives in Hartford City. She attends Purdue Extension at Ft. Wayne, her interest in math computer courses. They are parents of one daughter, Jennifer Jo.

Rhonda married Roger Sills, of Montpelier. She is employed at the Blackford Co. Hospital as a nurse. They have a daughter, Robin Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. DePoy are members of the Pennville United Methodist Church, and the Jay County Historical Society. Treva is a member of the Jay County Hospital Womens Auxillary.

Harold Franklin Derrickson

Harold Franklin Derrickson was born July 23, 1910 in Perryville, Indiana located in Adams County, son of Frank and Nellie Alta (Pickett) Derrickson. On August 17, 1929 he married Zella Mae Franks, who was born in Jay County on February 16, 1914, daughter of John Samuel and Mary Ellen (Martin) Franks.

For many years he owned and operated his own garage and wrecker service known as Derrickson Garage located at 922 N. Franklin Street in Portland. Harold passed away on April 14, 1975 and was laid to rest at Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant, Ind. Zella is still living and resides at 928 N. Franklin lSt. in Portland.

There were four children born to Harold and Zella Derrickson:

Maxine, born and deceased on March 19, 1930 in Adams County.

Dwight, born November 11, 1932 in Adams Co., deceased October 15, 1945 in an accident. Dwight was a member of Boy Scout Troop 203 of Portland.

Willard, born February 26, 1935 in Jay County, and currently resides at 1110 N. Franklin St. Portland. To Willard's family seven children were born. Three were by his first marriage, which included Linda Carol (deceased), Mary Ruth (born October 5, 1953) and Joy Ann, (born September 8, 1956). Both Mary and Joy are currently residing in Marion, Ind. Four children by his present marriage to Berna Deane McBride: Sheri Lyn (born on December 16, 1959). Sheri now resides in Orange, California with her husband Kelvin Dean Stigall and her son, Kerry Dean; Lesli Lavon was born July 25, 1961. Lesli is currently residing in Englewood, Florida with his wife Paula Dawn Holcomb and his daughter, Leslie Dawn; Jimmi Duane was born June 26, 1962 and is still at home. Sheri, Les, and Jim are all graduates of Jay County High School. Willard Dean was born June 10, 1975 and is a student at East Elementary.

Karen (born July 31, 1950 in Jay County) is currently residing at Oakwood Park in Portland. Karen was married to Daniel Resler and later divorced. One child was born to this marriage. Brett was born September 19, 1967. Brett is currently a student at Jay County High School.

Herbert Samuel Derrickson

Herbert Samuel Derrickson was born July 20, 1917 in Adams County, Indiana, the son of Samuel Cephus Derrickson and Nellie Marie Rape. He married Mabel Gurtrude Wightman, the daughter of Minor Lee Wightman and Irene Belle Pearson, August 7, 1938 at her home near Bryant, Indiana.

Mr. Wightman was born October 29, 1869 in Padu, McLean County, Illinois. He was first married to Ida Whitaker, September 7, 1892; they had one son, Raymond Austin, born June 3, 1893 and died September 28, 1893 in McLean County, Illinois. Ida Whitaker, the daughter of C.N. Whitaker died June 28, 1893 and is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery in McLean County, Illinois. He later married Irene Belle Pearson who was born March 16, 1868 in Fulton County, Illinois, the daughter of Benjamin Allen Pearson and Mary (Newell) Pearson.

Minor Lee and Irene Belle (Pearson) Wightman had five children: Arlo Pearson, born May 17, 1897. He married Emma Jenny, June 24, 1925, they had no children. He died in 1948 and is buried at Greenpark Cemetery, Jay County, Indiana.

Austin Allen, born November 26, 1899. He married Lucy Anna Burton, the daughter of Lee and Jennie Shaw (Pully) Burton of Kentucky, April 14, 1920 in McLean County, Illinois. They have one daughter, Jennie Irene, born October 16, 1922. She married James McKinley, July 27, 1943 and are the parents of three children: Annabee, David and Tyler John. Austin Allen died April 1, 1965 and is buried at Greenpark Cemetery, Portland, Indiana.

Lucille Amelia, born March 6, 1906, died July 27, 1911 at the age of six. A son, Minor Lee, born December 23, 1906, died October 2, 1907.

Mabel Gertrude, their last child, was born February 17, 1912 in Dawson Township, McLean County, Illinois. Her family moved to Indiana in 1920 and she was employed by the Jay Garment Company of Portland for several years.

Her mother, Irene Belle, died April 15, 1938 and her father, Minor Lee, died January 3, 1942, both in Jay County, Indiana and are buried in the Frankenburg Cemetery, McLean County, Illinois.

Herbert and Mabel Derrickson are the parents of four children: Nancy Lou, born in Adams County, August 19, 1940, she married Larry E. Affolder, the son of Tilman and Elma (Fink) Affolder, December 14, 1958. They had five children: Fredrick Samuel, born September 25, 1960, married Sandra Jean Beer, the daughter of DeWayne and Alice (Stauffer) Beer, September 20, 1981; Robert Lee, born June 28, 1962; Linda Lou, born October 30, 1963; Rita Arlene, born December 26, 1968 and William Lee, born February 13, 1970. Larry E. died October 30, 1980 and is buried at the Riverside Cemetery, Adams County, Indiana. Nancy now resides in Geneva, Indiana and is employed by C.T.S. of Berne as a lead operator.

Ray Earl Derrickson, was born January 20, 1942. Ray was first married to Karen Retter, the daughter of Carl J. and Melba (Grady) Retter, they had two children, Lisa R., born February 28, 1967 and Chad A., born February 21, 1970. After divorcing, he married Julia (Judy) Steed and they have a son, Jeffrey Ray, born June 25, 1979.

Sara Ann (Derrickson) Stults was born June 15, 1947 in Adams County, Indiana. She married Clifford Merle Stults, Jr., he was born September 2, 1943, the son of Clifford Merle Stults Sr. and Evelyn (Dunmoyer) Stults. They were married October 16, 1966 and have one son, Brian Thomas who was born November 28, 1972 in Goshen, Elkhart County, Indiana. Mr. Stults is employed as sales and marketing engineer at C.T.S. of Berne, Sara is employed as bookkeeper and secretary by Jay-Portland Abstract Company, Inc.

Alice Marie was born August 3, 1951, she was first married to Kevin Brinkerhoff and they had one son, Thomas R., born January 24, 1970. After divorcing Kevin, she remained single for several years. She later married Ivan Fetta in 1978 and continued her business career in restaurant management. There were no children from this marriage and she divorced Ivan in 1979. She now manages the Loblolly Restaurant and the Limberlost Motel in Bryant, Indiana.

Herbert Derrickson, a farmer most of his life, is retired from C.T.S. of Berne and he and Mabel reside on a small farm west of Bryant, Indiana.

Samuel Cephus Derrickson

Samuel Cephus Derrickson, a retired farmer, was born in Adams County, Indiana, June 5, 1879 and died at the home of his son, Herbert, in Jay County, Indiana, March 18, 1968 and is buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Adams County, Indiana.

His parents, John Emery Derrickson was born June 23, 1846, in Randolph County, Indiana and died September 8, 1916 and is buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Randolph County, Indiana, and Charity (Mann) Derrickson was born in 1852 and died May 8, 1888, she is buried at the Bunker Hill Cemetery in Adams County, Indiana. They were married December 18, 1869 in Randolph County, Indiana, and were the parents of six children: Robert E., Martha Jane, Roscoe, Samuel Cephus, Mary Ann (Mollie) and Frank B.

Samuel Cephus Derrickson married Nellie Marie Rape, November 11, 1897. Her parents were Gilbert DeLafayette Rape of Darke County, Ohio and Sarah Emeline Buckey of Shelby County, Ohio. He was born February 7, 1845 and died December 10, 1915. Sarah was born February 27, 1857 and died November 10, 1947. They are both buried at the Riverside Cemetery, Adams County, Indiana. Gilbert and Sarah were the parents of eleven children: Lewis E., Perry D., Benjamine F. W., Nellie M., Jesse C., Elmer F., Malinda G., Blanche M., Bessie M., Charley A. and Gilbert D.

Samuel Cephus and Nellie M. (Rape) Derrickson were the parents of seven children: Nancy Naomi, born in Adams County, Indiana (March 2, 1898)Landwas married to Willis Andrews (February 13, 1917) in Monroe, Adams County, Indiana. Nancy and Willis were the parents of four children: Dr. Otho V. Andrews, deceased, lived in Mishawaka, Indiana and was the father of one son. Mrs. Michael (Esther) Klinger, the parents of three sons. Mrs. Ralph (Christine) Moorman, the parents of one daughter and Max, deceased, the father of one daughter. Nancy Naomia died July 10, 1976 in Mishawaka, Indiana at the home of her son Otho, her husband preceeder her in death.

John DeLafayette Derrickson was born January 13, 1900. He married Freida Mathys in December 1919, and a son, Charles, was born February 29, 1920 in Geneva, Adams County, Indiana. After moving to Willard, Ohio a daughter, Marjorie Eileen was born, March 17, 1928. She married John White and they are the parents of seven children: John F., Gregory A., Carol J., Timothy L., Susan E., Robert C. and Patricia A. His second daughter, Lois Evelyn, was born in Decatur, Indiana, August 19, 1932. She was married to Richard Lee Mancine, November 15, 1958 they are the parents of one daughter, Judith. After divorcing Richard, she remained single for some time, and in 1962 she married Donald R. King. There were no children from this marriage and she divorced Donald in 1970.

Genevieve Jeanette was born March 16, 1914 and married Charles F. Blowers, December 24, 1931. She bore him eight children: Clifford Gerald, born July 2, 1932; Carolyn Deloris, born November 10, 1933; Larry, born January 5, 1936 (deceased); Maxine Ileen, born November 28, 1935; Lester LeRoy, born April 2, 1937; Samuel Edward, born October 19, 1938 (deceased); John Wayne, born August 22, 1942; and Beatrice Fay, born April 19, 1944. Genevieve died August 14, 1944 and is buried at Riverside Cemetery at Geneva, Adams County, Indiana, and Charles F. Blowers died September 28, 1960 in Coldwater, Michigan and is buried near there.

Herbert Samuel Derrrickson is found elsewhere in this book.

Robert Lee Derrickson was born June 2, 1919 and married Betty C. Smith in September 1938. They had six children: James Lee, born August 3, 1939; Cheryl Diana, born April 26, 1944 (she died at the age of 21 months); Stanley was born January 19, 1947 and was killed in an auto accident in California in 1973; Larry Gene, born July 17, 1949; Judith Ann, born August 26, 1950 and Robert Lewis was born August 26, 1953.

Robert Lee Derrickson is retired and is now residing in Kootenai, Idaho.

Alberta Mae was born January 1, 1923. She married Carson S. Blowers February 9, 1938 and lived on a farm near Churubusco, Indiana. They have two children: Madge Barbara, born December 11, 1942, married William Zion and are the parents of two sons, Scott and Jim. Alan Justin, born October 29, 1947, married Beverly Johnston, February 1969 and have two children, Wendy and Eric.

Elmer Dale Derrickson was born December 8, 1923 and died January 10, 1924 at the age of one month and two days.

Jim Devoss

Jim and Norma Devoss have lived in Jefferson Twp., Jay Co. for more than 30 years.

Jim's parents, Paul and Pearl (Moyer) Devoss were parents of three children: Mrs. Herbert (Frances) Heston, Mrs. Dean (Mary Jo) Zimmerman and Jim. Paul was born in October 1901 and died May 1958. Pearl was born in 1905. She was married on January 1, 1970 to Emmett Walter.

Norma's parents, Amos and Cecil (Kelly) Philebaum, were parents of four children: Edward Jr. Philebaum of Dunkirk, Mrs. Norman (Gladys) Priest of Portland, Mrs. Loren (Wanda) Dorman of Redkey and Norma. Amos was born in October 1905 and died in May 1970. Cecil was born in October 1903. On Dec. 1976, she married Ernest Steed.

Jim was born on April 17, 1927, and is employed at Woolard's Equipment Store in Muncie, Ind. He was previously employed at Justin Schafer's in Portland for 13 years. Norma was born on Sept. 25, 1925, and has been employed at the Redkey school cafeteria for 16 yrs. She was employed at the Gov. I. P. (Gray) School cafeteria for five years.

Jim was graduated from Gov. I. P. Gray School, and Norma from Green Twp. School in Randolph Co. Both schools now have been demolished.

Jim and Norma are the parents of three sons; all graduating from Redkey High School. Larry attended Gray School all but his senior year.

Larry Roe was born on May 28, 1948 and now resides in Indianapolis with wife, Margie (Baughman) and daughter, Kimberly Kay. He is a partner in the MKPD Co. Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors. Margie works at RCA Record Co.

Larry served in the Vietnam War with the 1st Air Calvery Div. from Jan. 14, 1969 to Aug. 19, 1970.

Gary was born on March 31, 1951, and lives at Power Station with wife Kay (Brunson) and three daughters: Teena, Tonya, and Tara. He has been employed as a semi-driver for Jon Juillerat for nine years. Gary served in the Army from 1971 to 1973 at Fort Hood, Texas.

Tim was born on Sept. 12, 1952, and lives on Rt. 5, Portland with his wife, Charlotte (Shaver) and children, Angela and Brian.He has been employed at Ludwig's Grocery in Portland for nine years. Charlotte is employed at C.T.S. of Berne.

We attend the New Mt. Pleasant U.M. Church.

Four years ago when Jim was unable to work, he and his brother-in-law made two grandfather clocks and have been making smaller ones since. It has become a great hobby for both of us.

We will be celebrating 35 years of happily married life on August 6, 1982.

Merritt Diehm

Eileen Edith Avey was born January 1, 1920, to Elmer Horace and Edith Pearl (Priest) Avey. She lived with her parents in Jackson Township, Jay County and attended the Poling School where she graduated from high school. Following high school, she attended Ball State University in Muncie where she graduated with a teaching degree.

During World War II, she held a government job in Chicago. From there, she moved to Arizona, later to California and then to Oregon. She was engaged in teaching school.

In Oregon, Eileen met Merritt Eldon Diehm of Salem, Oregon, who she married June 18, 1949. The wedding ceremony was performed in the Presbyterian Church of Salem, Oregon.

About five years later, they adopted a baby boy who was born in southern Germany on September 18, 1951. They named him Brian Diehm.

Most of their married life was spent in Oregon with Sunriver, Oregon, near Bend, being their home until recently. Her husband excelled as a carpenter and finisher in the building trades. Both have recently retired and presently are residing in Norman, Oklahoma.

Their son Brian married a young lady on May 25, 1973, whose given name is Diana. They live in Lake Oswego, Oregon, a suburb of Portland. He has a computer science engineering job and his wife teaches. They have no children.

Eileen (Avey) and Merritt Diehm.

Diener

Albert Joseph and Aurelia Diener came to Dunkirk, Jay County, Indiana, in December, 1934, from Indianapolis, Indiana, where Al was born March 31, 1912 to August and Gertrude Gottwallis Diener. Aurelia was born March 16, 1911, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Joseph Walter and Ella Hinton Arvin. Al and Aurelia were married June 13, 1933, in St. Joan of Arc Church, Indianapolis, by Rev. Cornelius Smith. After graduating from Purdue University in 1934 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineerring, Al accepted a position with Hart Glass Co., Dunkirk, Ind.. He retired as assistant plant mgr. with Kerr Glass Co. in 1966.

The six Diener children were born in Ball Hospital, Muncie, Ind. and attended grade and secondary school in Dunkirk, with the exception of Mary Marguerite (Mimi), who attended St. Joseph's Academy, Tipton, Indiana. All were baptized in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dunkirk, where Al and Aurelia have been members for many years.

After completing college, the children are scattered across the United States: Mrs. Dale (Anne) Pflum, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; Mimi Diener, Rochester, New York; Mrs. Marvin (Patricia) Osman, Beverly Hills, California; Mrs. Joseph (Kathleen) Boland, Golden, Colorado; Albert J. Diener, Jr., Lake Zurich, Illinois; Michael Francis Diener, Golden, Colorado. There are ten grandchildren.

In 1946, 7½ acres of farmland were purchased from Albert and Lecile Tharp, on S. Broad St., (R.R. 2) Dunkirk. With the advice of the County Agent, over seven thousand trees and thousands of multa flora rose and other plants for the preservation of wild life, were planted. Over the years Al and the children built the dark red ranch type home. "The Pine Patch" has become a haven for all types of wild life.

Al is active in many area religious, civic and political organizations including the Dunkirk Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Elks Club, Mental Health, Cancer Society, Farm Bureau Extension, Republican Party, County Council, Jay County Hospital Funding Board, etc.. He is a former member of the Jay County School Board; former member of Region IV, Criminal Justice; former president of the Jay County TB Assn. and Region VI, Planning and Development. In 1976 he received the Distinguished Citizen Award from Dunkirk Elk's Lodge 1776.

Drake

Dorothy Drake Halderman is the daughter of William Allen Drake, born in 1875 in Noble Township. He was the son of Harvey and Nancy Ellen Parsons Drake. William Allen graduated from Purdue University in 1899, later received a mechanical engineering degree from Cornell University. He spent most of his life, then in Dayton, Ohio, working for the Brownell Company, as general manager, president, and later chairman of the board. He retired in 1943 to Clark Co., Ohio, near Springfield, and died in 1962.

Nancy Ellen's mother was Lulu Belle Parsons, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David T. Skinner, of Salamonia, Ind. Dr. Skinner had been a captain in the calvary in the Civil War. He later took up medicine and practiced as a country doctor. His father, John Skinner came to Jay County from Adamsville, Ohio, near Zanesville. Nancy Ellen Parson's parents were George and Sarah Parsons, farmers in Jay County.

Dorothy Drake is a resident of Dayton, and has spent most of her life there. *Submitted by Dorothy Drake Halderman.*

Thelma Pence Eaton

Thelma Isabell (Pence) Eaton was born at Hartford City, In., Aug. 16, 1902, the eldest daughter of Oliver Ervin and Daisy (Daugherty) Pence. She started grade school at Selma, In., where her father worked in the oil fields. The family moved to Bryant, In. in 1914, where Thelma graduated from high school in 1920. She attended Madam Blake's Primary School, and graduated from Ball State Teachers College. She taught elementary grades in Jay County, at the Methodist Protestant Mission School at Pineville, Ky, and at other towns where her husband was a Methodist minister.

Thelma married Claude J. Eaton Dec. 28, 1927, Claude, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton of Morgantown, West Va., is a minister in the United Methodist Church.

Claude and Thelma are the parents of three sons: John, who graduated from Ball State University, is a teacher and counselor at Rensselaer, In.; Donald, who is married and has a daughter Holly, lives in New Jersey and works in electronics in New York City; Glen and wife Linda, both graduates of Ball State and teachers, who have three children, Monica 9, Eric 8, and Wendy 6. John and Glen live at R.R.5, Rensselaer, near their parents.

Claude and Thelma Eaton have a home at R.R. 5, Rensselaer, In., both retired after many years of service for God in the United Methodist Church. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

J. Grant Ebersole Family

J. Grant Ebersole was born December 14, 1873 near Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, the son of Joel and Catherine Click Ebersold who were of German descent. On August 16, 1910 Grant married Ruby Read Oliver, born north of West Liberty in Jackson Township on February 25, 1889, the daughter of Samuel and Aurelia Heywood Read, both of English descent. Ruby's mother died when she was only four years old and she lived with her grandmother and stepgrandfather Aaron and Sarah Van Cleve Worth in Bryant and in Greensboro. In 1885 Aaron helped organize the Bryant Wesleyan Church, in which conference he preached more than seventy years. Sarah Worth was one of the charter members of the Bryant Church. Her first husband, Alexander Heywood, was also a pioneer minister in the Wesleyan Methodist Church until his death in 1856. Ruby was first married to W. Henry Oliver of Blanchester, Ohio. A son, Raymond LeRoy Oliver, was born to this union in Blanchester where his father died in 1909.

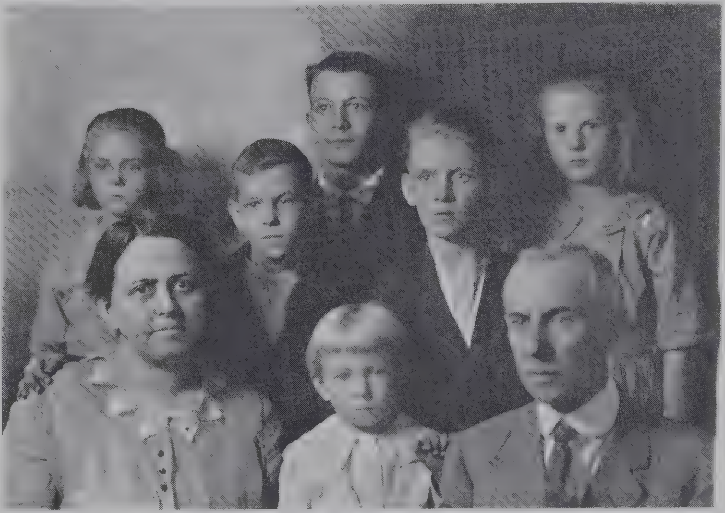
Grant and Ruby lived in Springfield, Ohio, two years during which time twin sons were born to them, then moved to Jackson Township to the Read farm which Ruby had inherited from her father Samuel Read. Mr. Read built the two story dwelling. In September 1919 they moved to Bryant where they bought the Green Street property. In a year or so they bought the adjacent five acres where the family did truck farming and pastured a cow for their milk supply.

Grant and Ruby had five children: Herman Read and Horace Grant, twins; Blanche Opal; Clara Bernadine; and Wendell Francis. All six children were graduated from Bryant High School. The daughters remained in the county but the four sons eventually settled in Fort Wayne and Ohio. Ruby died in April 1931 at Bryant and Grant, a retired Bryant rural mail carrier, died in December 1950 at Bryant. Both are buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery and were members of the Bryant Wesleyan Church.

Raymond Oliver married Velma Brown of Cincinnati, Ohio, where they are now living. He has retired as an engineer of a local radio and television station (WCPO) but has continued at another local radio station as a part time engineer. Raymond was one of the first persons to assemble a working radio in this county. He also photographed and finished group pictures at the county schools. They have a son and two grandchildren in Wyoming and Colorado.

Herman Ebersole married Lavinia Williams of Fort Wayne. Herman has retired as an employee of the Fort Wayne Community Schools. They have one daughter, one granddaughter and four stepgrandchildren. A son died in his sixteenth year.

Horace married June Hinman of Cleveland, Ohio. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a retired United Methodist pastor and was teaching high



J. Grant Ebersole Family (about 1922)
Seated: Ruby Ebersole, Wendell Francis Ebersole, J. Grant Ebersole. Standing: Bernadine Ebersole, Horace Grant Ebersole, Raymond LeRoy Oliver, Herman Read Ebersole, Blanche Opal Ebersole.

school in the Greater Cleveland area at the time of his death in January 1977. There are three daughters and seven grandchildren, all living in Greater Cleveland.

Blanche, Bernadine and Wendell Ebersole were born at the Read farm, Jackson Township (owned by Herbert and Kathryn Chew Cain since 1957). Blanche, born November 26, 1912, married W. Darwin Butcher, the oldest son of Homer and Myrtle Crabill Butcher, both residents of this county most of their lives. Blanche and Darwin had four children: James, Marian, William and Paul. All were born in this county and all were graduated from Bryant High School. There are fifteen grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Blanche died in September 1950. In 1954 Darwin, a farmer in this county all his life, married Edith Brown Lanning and was living on their farm in Bearcreek Township at the time of his death in March 1981. Edith resides on the farm.

James Butcher is married to Patricia McClain of Hartford City. They reside in White Bear Lake, Ramsey County, Minnesota. He is systems and procedures manager in electrical products group with 3 M, St. Paul, Minnesota. Marian Butcher married Norman Lee of Fort Wayne. She is a key punch operator for Lincoln National Bank, Fort Wayne. William Butcher married Wanda Brumm, the daughter of Fred and Lena Roser Brumm of Noble Township. Wanda is of French descent. Their son and older daughter were born in this county. They live in New Haven and William is employed by Goodrich Tires, Woodburn. The son, Curtis, married Kerry Bice of Hicksville, Ohio. They have one daughter, Joy. They live in New Haven and he is employed by Industrial Engineering, Fort Wayne. Paul Butcher, the youngest son of Blanche and Darwin, resides in New Haven and is employed by Patton Electric in that city.

Bernadine Ebersole, born August 21, 1914, married Harvey Gerber, the son of Edward and Lena Liechty, of Berne. They were of Swiss descent. He served four years in the United States Army during World War II and died in February 1954. He was an upholsterer at Smith Brothers, Berne. In June 1972 Bernadine married Raymond Loyd Houser, the son of Asa and Mabel Stults Houser, both natives of this county. Bernadine, who attended Marion College and Ball State University, is a retired elementary school teacher, having taught 36 years in this county and one year at Wesleyan Academy, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Raymond retired as a machinist from Elkhart Products Corporation, Geneva.

Bernadine and Raymond live in Redkey where she taught 27 years and they attend the Redkey Church of the Nazarene.

Wendell Ebersole, born February 17, 1918, is married to Irene Bailey, the daughter of Jesse and Gertrude Stillman Bailey, residents of this county most of their lives. Wendell served in the United States Army during World War II and is retired from International Harvestor, Fort Wayne. Irene is retired from Parkview Hospital as ward clerk in the children's ward. She had been employed in the local county hospital and he at Sheller-Globe Corp. Portland Division before the family moved from Bryant to Fort Wayne in 1955. They attend the Moeller Road Wesleyan Church, Fort Wayne. They have a son and daughter, six grandchildren and four stepgrandsons. Nancy is married to Antonia Arroyo and is employed by North American Van Lines, Fort Wayne. She was graduated from Bryant High School. Larry Ebersole was a student at Bryant High School and is a graduate of South Side High School, Fort Wayne. Larry is married to Jane Saylor of that city. He served in the United States Air Force and is a hair stylist in his shop The Enhancers, Fort Wayne. *Submitted by Bernadine Houser.*

Lewis W. Edmundson

Lewis W. Edmundson was one of Jay County's most substantial farmers and oil operators. He was born in Penn Township, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Edmundson, and lived all his life there on a farm in section 15. Thomas Edmundson, the first of the name to settle here, came with his family from Ohio in 1837 and settled on 160 acres which he had entered from the government the year before in the area of what later became known as Balbec in Penn Township. The middle son of Thomas and Elizabeth, Thomas Jr., entered from the government an adjoining 80 acres east of the home place in 1837 and the oldest son, William, acquired the west 80 of the original farm in 1838. The youngest son, John, who was born in Maryland and was the father of Lewis W. Edmundson, was 13 years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents, and he grew to manhood on the Balbec farm. He in turn became a farmer on his own account and the owner of 300 acres which included the pioneer 160 acres. He also engaged in the sale of farm implements and buggies and it is said he sold the first mower used in Jay County. He started a broom factory on his farm around 1875 raising the broom corn for it on his place as well as encouraging neighboring farmers to grow it. He developed quite an industry that continued after his death. John Edmundson married Rachel Ann Pugh, who was born in Harrison County, Ohio, and who had come to Blackford County with her parents in 1849. They both followed the Quaker faith of his parents before him, at first going to Richmond, Indiana, for the monthly meeting. They were the parents of nine children, one of whom was Lewis W. Edmundson. Lewis was born on the home farm in Penn Township on December 11, 1866 and there he grew to manhood. He attended school in Balbec and assisted in the operations of the farm and broom factory, helping to raise broom corn in the summer and working in the factory in the winter until 1913 when the factory was abandoned. In addition to general farming Lewis did quite well in the raising of purebred Poland China hogs. Mr. Edmundson had four producing oil wells on his farm which were brought in, in 1917. He was chancellor commander of the Kinghts o Pythias at Pennville, a member of the lodge of the Pythian Sisters at that place and a member of the local Grange of the Patrons of Husbandery.

Lewis W. Edmundson married Jane Williams, a daughter of James and Hannah (Rigby) Williams in 1886. To them were born eleven children: Zella E. who married Charles Cash (and had eleven children); (2) Esther M. who married David Penrod (and had six children); (3) Harry G. who married Millie Richey (and had seven children); (4) Albert L.; (5) Dena P. who died in infancy; (6) Ertle M. who married Dena Rains (and had seven children); (7) Maude I. who married Emil Coon; (8) Harrold L. who married Ivory Garringer (and had five children); (9) Edwina D. who married George Hanlin (and had six children); (10) Marie who married Ralph Ashley (and had two children); and (11) Ralph W. who is married to Mary (Blankenbaker Gegenheimer (and had one daughter). Lewis Edmundson was preceded in death by Jane in 1917 and remarried in 1924 to Celia Heston, who was the daughter of John and Emma (Hudson) Heston. Lewis and Celia had one daughter, Jama D., who married William Denney (and had three children). Of these 12 children, three, Edwina, Marie and Ralph are still living. Lewis passed away in 1943 and Celia in 1967. They are both buried at Pennville in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Arthur, Phoebe and Robert Stevenson, Dale and Marjorie Ehrhart.

Walter Ehrhart

Walter Ehrhart (1877-1955) was born in Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana, the son of John T. (1850-1917) and Emma J. Pfiefer (1860-1915). He had two brothers, John O. and Timothy V., and two sisters, Ethel and Norah. He married Pearl Harter (1880-1948), daughter of Benjamin B. Harter.

In this marriage there were five children:

(1) Clyde (1904-1962) married Avaleene Drucella Schneider in 1927. They lived in Louisville, Ky., and he is buried in Evergreen Cemetery there. There was one child, Charles Farrell Ehrhart, born July 1, 1929. His military tour included three months in the Philippines and fifteen months in Yokohama, Japan (1953-1954). He married Ima Coleen Simms in 1955. In this union there are three children: Bonita Kay (1956) who married Buddy Lewis Clark, Rodney Lane (1960) and Jeffry Karl (1964), both at home.

(2) Ralph (1906-1933) lived in Muncie, Indiana, where he worked as an auto mechanic until his death in an accidental drowning. He is buried in Salamonia, Indiana.

(3) Ida Mae, born 1911, married Kenneth Woods, a local contractor in Portland, until moving to South Bend, Ind. in 1946. This union had two children, Sondra Sue (1936) and Myrna Lu (1940). Sondra Sue married Larry Snyder, and they live in South Bend with their five children: Barry (1960), Terry (1961), Garry (1963), Sandy (1966), and Kerry (1971). Myrna Lu married Richard Laughlin. They also live in South Bend.

Christmas 1975. Dale and Marjorie Ehrhart and family.

(4) Eva Maud (1921) died in infancy.

(5) Earl Dale, born 1918, lives on the home farm east of Salamonia. He was stationed in Pearl Harbor when World War II began. In 1943, he married Marjorie Alice Stevenson, daughter of Robert and Leora Stevenson. This union had two children: Sharon Kay (1945) and Rex Edwin (1954). Sharon Kay married James Hughes in 1965, and they live in Plainfield, Ind., with their two children, Robin Renee (1969) and James Dale (1973). Rex Edwin married Brenda Whitacre, 1977, and at this writing have one son, Nathan Ryan (1981). *Submitted by Helen Shimp Stevenson.*

Peter Eischen Family

Peter Eischen (Jan. 8, 1865-Mar. 12, 1945) was the son of John Eischen and Margaret (Portz) Eischen. John Eischen was born on October 22, 1835 in Luxemburg, Europe and came with his parents, Matthias and Margaret (Koleyn) Eischen and two brothers to America in 1842. The family settled near Tiffin, in Seneca County, Ohio and later moved to a farm near Fostoria, Ohio.

On October 22, 1861 John Eischen married Margaret Portz, who was born on June 4, 1845 in Germany. At the age of 12 years, Margaret came with her parents, Nicholas and Margaret (Braun) Portz to America; together with a brother, Peter Portz and sister Catherine Portz. The family settled on a farm at St. Peter in Mercer County, Ohio.

John and Margret Eischen with children, Catherine, Peter and Sara Ann.

John and Margaret (Portz) Eischen had four children: Margaret, died at the age of two years and buried on a cemetery near Fostoria, Ohio where the family lived at that time. Later John and Margaret moved to a farm in southwest Washington Twp., Mercer County, Ohio where son Peter was born. Later the family moved on the Noah Bergman farm in Noble Twp., Jay County, Indiana where daughters Catherine and Sarah Ann were born. Mr. Bergman was a school teacher and resided with the Eischen's and tutored young Peter until he started school at the age of eight. In 1870 John Eischen purchased 37.73 acres of land from the Portz family, located on the Ohio side of the Indiana-Ohio state line and in 1872 bought another 37.73 acres of land. When John acquired the land he cut down the trees to build his house and barn. Son Peter purchased the land in 1919 and upon his death the land was bought by Arthur Eischen and his wife Erma, the present owners.

Catherine Eischen (Feb. 19, 1867-Dec. 18, 1942) married Joseph Gruss (Oct. 21, 1859-Dec. 15, 1950) on April 24, 1888 and settled on a farm south of St. Anthony. Sarah Ann Eischen (July 2, 1869-Oct. 29, 1933) married Henry Schroer (Feb. 2, 1867-Oct. 28, 1941) on Feb. 16, 1892 and settled on a farm south of St. Anthony in Mercer County, Ohio.

After a short illness John Eischen died on Aug. 1, 1905 and Margaret resided on the homestead until suffering a stroke in 1918; she then made her home with her children. She died July 12, 1925 at the home of her son, Peter Eischen.

Peter Eischen was born in Mercer County, Ohio (Jan. 8, 1865-Mar. 12, 1945) married Veronica Klaus (Oct. 31, 1875-July 28, 1926) on Oct. 22, 1895 at the St. Anthony Church, Mercer County, Ohio. Veronica was the daughter of Phillip and Elizabeth (Roth) Klaus of Lima, Ohio. Veronica was the first bride to wear white at the St. Anthony Church. Peter and Veronica lived with his parents where Elizabeth and John were born, later in 1901 they purchased the DeBolt farm, in Wabash Twp., Jay County, Indiana where Joseph, Mary, Cecelia, Edward, Arthur, Matilda, Sylvester, Beatrice, Catherine, and Vita were born.

Peter's main occupation was farming but he was an excellent musician and one of the first to bring a Stradivarius violin into Jay County. Peter was best known as the dance fiddler around the area in the early days. This instrument is dated and stamped—it was made in 1723 by the famous Antonia Stradivarius from Cremona. Peter also played the accordion, harp, and dulcimer. In his later years he spent many hours working with wood, making foot stools, carving and whittling small items from walnut wood. Upon Peter's death in 1945, the farm was purchased by Edward Eischen, the present owner.

Peter and Veronica's twelve children and grandchildren are:

Elizabeth (1896) married Christian Homan (1890-1961) in 1916 and settled on a farm north of St. Anthony, Ohio. Their five children are: Madonna Homan, Luella J. Homan, Walter J. Homan, (d. 1977), Anna Marie Homan, Wilfred F. Homan.

John Eischen (1899-1972) married Doris Locke (1902-?) in 1933 and settled in Elyria, Ohio. Their two children are: Dian Warrenfeltz and John Dale Eischen.

Joseph Eischen (1903-?) married Delores Mertz (1913-?) in 1934 and settled on a farm south of Fort Recovery, Ohio. Their six children are: Marcella Homan, Evelyn Goubeaux, Patricia Meier, Dr. Frank Eischen, Ph.D. in philosophy, Dr. Bill Eischen, D.O. and Coletta Eischen.

Mary Eischen (1904-) married Henry Koenig (1914-) in 1938. They settled in Jay County. They have one son Marvin Koenig.

Cecelia Eischen (1906-1907) age four months.

Edward Eischen (1909-) unmarried and lives on the Peter Eischen homestead.

Arthur Eischen (1911-) married Erma Timmerman (1924-) in 1945 and settled on the John Eischen homestead in Mercer County, Ohio. Their four children are: Marilyn Wenning, Robert Eischen, Donald Eischen, and Carl Eischen.

Edward in June 1910

Matilda Eischen (1912-) married Albert Schwoerer (1910-) in 1936 and reside in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. Their seven children are: Frederick Schwoerer, Charles Schwoerer, Donald Schwoerer, LuAnn Esser, Bernard Schwoerer, Mary Ann Evans and Cletus Schwoerer.

Sylvester Eischen (1914-) married Mildred Schmit (1917-) in 1935 and live on the state line road in Mercer County, Ohio. Their six children are: Janet May Privett, James Eischen, Orville Eischen, David Eischen (d. 1970), Susan Jones, and Phyllis Buckey Minch.

Beatrice Eischen (1917-) married Gilbert Schmit (1913-) in 1939 and live in New Corydon, Indiana. Their six children are: Ralph Schmit, Ruthann Minnich, Alice Minch, Martha Bollenbacher, Richard Schmit, and Regina Schmit.

Catherine Eischen (1918-) married Ambrose Hartnagel (1909-) in 1939 and settled on a farm in the Trinity area, Bryant, Indiana. Their two children are Kenneth Hartnagel and Eugene Hartnagel.

Vita Eischen (1921-) married Arthur Weitzel (1914-) in 1954 and settled on a farm in Darke County, near New Weston, Ohio. Their three children are: Veronica Post, Edith Weitzel and Henry Weitzel.

The great grandchildren of Peter and Veronica Eischen are: Michael J. Homan, Thomas R. Homan, Ronald J. Homan, Debra Ann Homan (d. 1976), Charles Alan Homan, Dawn Warrenfeltz, David Eischen, Jeffrey Eischen, Geraldine Homan, Martin Homan, Dominic Homan, Phillip Homan, Lisa Homan, Adrian Homan, Michael Goubeaux, Dale Goubeaux and Carol Ann Goubeaux, David Meier, Jeffrey Meier, Kenneth Meier, Cynthia Meier and Laura Meier, Mark Koenig, Karen Koenig, twins Bevan and Kevin Koenig, and Sarah Koenig, Paula Wenning, Dawn Wenning, Neal Wenning, Michelle Wenning and Cheryl Wenning, Amy Eischen, Cory Eischen, and Jessica Eischen, Bonita (Schwoerer) Donahue, Susan (Schwoerer) Poast, Mary Lu Schwoerer, Patricia Schwoerer, and Frederick Schwoerer II, Lori Schwoerer, Kimberly Schwoerer and Brian Schwoerer, JoAnn Schwoerer and Mark Schwoerer, Beverly Esser, Linda Esser, Dorothy Esser, Paul Esser, Thomas Esser, Billy Esser, and Elizabeth Esser, Teresa Schwoerer, James Schwoerer and Joyce Schwoerer, Lisa Marie Evans, Christopher Evans and Nicole Evans, Amy Schwoerer and John Schwoerer, Cynthia (May) DuJardin, Linda (May) Wellman, Robert May, Lori (May) Laux, and Ronald May, Catharine Eischen, Timothy Eischen, Debra (Eischen) Burd, Patsy Eischen, Thomas Eischen and Lisa Eischen, Michael Eischen, Kevin Jones, Shannon Schmit and Jason

August 1980. Living children of Peter Eischen. Standing: Edward, Catherine, Beatrice, Joe, Arthur, Sylvester. Seated: Matilda, Elizabeth, Mary and Vita.

Schmit, David Minnich and Randy Minnich, twins Chad and Melinda Minch, Teresa Bollenbacher, Anita Bollenbacher, Debra Bollenbacher, Stephanie Bollenbacher and Pamela Bollenbacher, Sharon Hartnagel, Debbie Hartnagel, Rhonda Hartnagel, Michael Hartnagel and Melissa Sue Hartnagel, Brian Hartnagel and Tammy Hartnagel, Vanessa Post, Brian Eischen.

The great great grandchildren are: Christopher DuJardin, Kelly Wellman, Nicole Burd, Andrea Laux, Sarah Elizabeth Homan, Nicholas Burd.

Among John and Margaret (Portz) Eischen's great grandchildren, four reside in Jay County. They are Norbert Wellman, Marvin Muhlenkamp, Lavern Gruss and Mrs. John (Marceil) Alig, Jr.. Lavern Gruss and his wife Ruth are custodians at the Jay County Court House.

Ensminger—Frazee

The Ensminger and Frazee names are not so familiar in Jay County in the 1980's as they were in the years 1777 through the early 1900's but there are still many descendants living in Jay County as of 1981.

The Ensminger family originated in Uleria, Switzerland and the family of the wife of Philip Ensminger, Mary Park, originated in Scotland.

The eldest daughter of Philip and Mary (Park) Ensminger, Frances, married Obediah Winters, who came to Jay County 1833. They were the parents of five sons and five daughters.

Another daughter, Amanda Melvina Ensminger (1813-1859) married 1835 David N. Frazee (1814-1886) son of James and Rachel Frazee.

Malinda Jane (Frazee) Bye.

Another daughter, Caroline Ensminger, born 1816, married 1837 Benjamin W. Hawkins, son of John J. and Nancy (Sellers) Hawkins.

Philip Ensminger, Obediah Winters, David N. Frazee and Benjamin W. Hawkins purchased some of the first Jay County acreage sold by the U.S. Government, being in Wayne Township, and in SW¼ Sec. 11, Pike Township.

David N. Frazee (1814-1886) and Amanda Melvina (Ensminger) Frazee (1813-1859) were the parents of five children, including Mary Frazee (1837-1917) who married Hosea T. Coldren. It was from this Union the Elmer and Colwell Coldren; Elmer, Mordacia and Sylvester Starr families, to mention a few, originated.

Another daughter of David N. and Amanda Melvina Frazee, Malinda Jane Frazee (1845-1921) married Samuel Jackson Bye (see Bye, Sam'l. J.).

There are Ensminger and Frazee families buried in Antioch and Hawkins cemeteries, Section 11, Pike Township, near the land they originally purchased.

Wilson Leroy Evans

Wilson Leroy Evans, born January 2, 1913, son of John W. and Daisy (Bond) Evans. Wilson and Elsie married December 7, 1935 in Portland, Indiana. Elsie Elizabeth Scholer, daughter of Jacob and Iris E. (Caster) Scholer, was born April 16, 1916 in Jay County, Indiana. Elsie attended Madison Township High School, and worked at Jay Garment Company for 19 years. Wilson worked 39 years at Sheller Steering Wheel Manufacturing Company and is now retired. After selling their 13 acre home in Jefferson Township, Jay County, Indiana, where they made their home for 30 years, they moved in 1976 to their present home six miles west of Coldwater, Michigan, where they have resided for five years. They are presently making their home on one and four tenths of an acre along Jay County Road 55, near State Highway 1, and about a mile and a half south of State Highway 26.

Their children:

1 .Georgia Ann Evans, born May 8, 1936 in Portland, Indiana. She married August 18, 1952 to Larry Jay Steed of Jay County. Larry is a Guernsey Dairy Farmer, and they reside on the Steed Homestead near Redkey, Indiana. Georgia worked 18 years at Kerr Glass Factory at Dunkirk, Indiana.
   A. Steven Leroy Steed, born December 28, 1952 and died February 13, 1953 of a birth defective heart condition.
   B. Jeffery Allen Steed, born November 6, 1954 in Portland, Indiana. He attended Gov. I. P. Gray School, ITT Techanical Institute, and works at Cowan near Muncie, Indiana as a Creviston Steel Draftsman. He was married August 27, 1977 to Robin Kathlene Hogle of Union City, Indiana. She is attending Ball State University for Specialized Education. They live near Redkey, Indiana.
      1. Heather Nicole Steed, born August 5, 1981.
   C. Kathryn Kay Steed, born April 8, 1956 at Portland, Indiana. She attended Gov. I. P. Gray School and married December 16, 1972 to John Crouch of Dunkirk, Indiana. Kathy works as cashier of the Peoples Bank of Dunkirk. They are affiliated with

the Nazarene Church of Dunkirk. John works at the Indiana Glass Company of Dunkirk. They live near Dunkirk, Indiana.

1. John Jeremy Crouch, born July 25, 1973.
2. Jacob Alan Crouch, born November 10, 1977.

D. Peggy Louise Steed, born February 22, 1959 in Portland, Indiana. She attended Gov. I. P. Gray and Jay County High School. She is working at a cleaning establishment in Dunkirk and lives three miles from Dunkirk on County Road 140.

2 .Rose Marie Evans, born September 27, 1937 in Portland, Indiana. She married May 4, 1957 to Fred Ullom of Jay Couty. Fred is a tool designer at Delco Remy of Anderson. Rose attended Gov. I. P. Gray School. She is a housewife and is active in the Bethany Christian Church of Anderson, Indiana. They live in Chesterfield.

A. Brian Jacob Ullom, born September 2, 1959 and died September 30, 1959 of a birth defective heart condition.

B. Luke Leon Ullom, born March 13, 1962 in Madison County, Indiana.

C. Mathew Lee Ullom, born July 30, 1963 in Madison County, Indiana.

D. Mark Lowell Ullom, born October 19, 1965 in Madison County, Indiana.

3 .Harold Russell Evans, born February 27, 1939 and married July 7, 1962, to Sandra Stain in Skowhegan, Maine. Harold served from June 1958 to December 1964 in the U. S. Air Force as a navigator and was honorabley discharged as a Captain with many service awards (good conduct medal, flying cross, bronze star, and air medal). They live in Chesterfield. He serves as a volunteer fireman and works as a machinist at Delco Remy of Anderson, Indiana. They were active with the Mounds Baptist Church of Anderson. He served as deacon and sang in the church choir. They were killed in an auto accident near Redkey, Indiana on October 22, 1972.

A. Dannette Rae Evans, born April 27, 1963 and lives in Anderson, Indiana. She is attending Anderson College.

4 .Kay Eileen Evans, born December 9, 1940 and was married October 10, 1959 to Ron J. Murphy of Jay County. Ron is a co-owner of a lathe specialtics machine shop at Columbia City, Indiana. Kay is a housewife and attended Gov. I. P. Gray School. They are affiliated with the St. Michaels Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. They live west of Fort Wayne, Indiana on State Road 14.

A. Sheryl Renee Murphy, born August 17, 1960. She attended Homestead High School, IU Purdue Campus at Fort Wayne as chemical engineer and will attend Purdue at Lafayette Campus.

B. Russell Duane Murphy, born January 23, 1964 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He attended Homestead High School of Fort Wayne.

C. Paul Jay Murphy, born July 1, 1975 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is attending Homestead Grade School of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

5 .Faye Irene Evans, born December 9, 1940 and attended Gov. I. P. Gray School. She married October 20, 1960 to Darrel Williamson of Portland, Indiana. Darrel is a mechanical engineer for Microprecision of Berne, Indiana. Faye is working as secretary for food service at the Jay County High School. They are affiliated with the Trinity Methodist Church of Portland, Indiana. They live one quarter mile south of Portland, Indiana on Highway 27.

A. Denise Ann Williamson, born August 28, 1961 in Columbus, Ohio. She attended Jay County High School and Ball State University. She is married to Tom Borders, born January 18, 1961.

B. Ricky Dean Williamson, born October 1, 1962 in Portland, Indiana. He attended Jay County High School and is attending Purdue University.

C. Michael Wayne Williamson, born May 13, 1971 in Portland, Indiana. He is attending Jay County High School.

6 .Gary Lee Evans, born July 30, 1944 and was married on December 29, 1968 to Eileen Kellenberg of Rockville Center, New York. Eileen was a Registered Nurse before marriage. Gary attended Gov. I. P. Gray School and Purdue University, graduating in June of 1967. They are affiliated with the Holy Spirit Catholic Church of Santa Rosa, California. They live in Santa Rosa where Gary is vice-president of marketing and sales for the Western Division of Ecodyne, manufacturer of industrial cooling products.

A. Michael Christopher Evans, born February 24, 1969 in Dublin, California and is attending school in Santa Rosa, California.

B. Brian Steven Evans, born May 22, 1970 in Dublin, California and is attending school in Santa Rosa, California.

C. Karen Marie Evans, born June 12, 1974 in Glenn Ridge, New Jersey and is attending school in Santa Rosa, California.

D. Julie Elizabeth Evans, born October 24, 1978 in St. Charles, Illinois and is attending school in Santa Rosa, California.

7 .Earl Wayne Evans, born September 26, 1947 and attended Gov. I. P. Gray School and was drafted in the U. S. Army November 21, 1966. While in Ft. Knox, Kentucky for basic training, he re-enlisted for a three year period in order to pick up special schooling. He took Intensive Helicopter Mechanics Schooling at Fort Eustis, Virginia for 17 weeks, covering single and multi-engine, utility and tandem Rotor Helicopter Mechanics. Upon graduation, he was assigned as instructor for nine months at Fort Rucker, Alabama, then received orders to serve in Vietnam until June 1969. While there, he served as crew chief on the Chinook Helicopters. He was discharged honorably, receiving the flying cross, the bronze star, and the air medal. He lives near Anderson, Indiana and works at Delco Remy of Anderson, Indiana. He also is a member of the Masonic Lodge. *Submitted by Elsie Elizabeth Evans.*

Robert Barton Fairchild

Robert Barton Fairchild was born Dec. 2, 1876 and married Luella Daugherty. They resided in Bearcreek Twp., Jay Co. and their farm became a centennial Farm. Robert's parents were Enoch and Catherine (McDermit) Fairchild. Enoch and Catherine's other children who lived to maturity were Amos who married Sarah Elizabeth Kirby, Griffin who married Etta Helmer, Viola who married Arthur Williams, Rosa V. who married William Logan, and Emma J.

Enoch's brother, Smith, also leaves descendants in Jay Co. Smith married Margaret Johnson. Their children were Charity, Malissa and Nancy Jane. Charity married William Martin. Their children were Henry, Della (Masters) and Mary Ellen who married secondly John Samuel Franks. Their children were Esther Irene (DeVoe), Bertha Ellen (Lawrence) and Zella (Derrickson). Zella has done considerable genealogical work. Nancy Jane married Isaac Tullis. They had four boys and six girls who leave many descendants in Jay Co.

Smith and Enoch's parents were Barton and Elizabeth Catherine (Smith) Fairchild. Barton fought in the War of 1812 and then settled in Darke Co., O., about 1816/7. He bought land in Bearcreek Twp. on which some of his descendants settled. Barton and Catherine's other children were Rachel who married Thomas Matchet, Susannah who married Darrick Barklow, Caroline who married David Edwards, Charity, Sophia who married Jacob Brown, Malicar, Emily Jane thought to have married John Cox, and Melison Clarissa thought to have married Andrew McNutt. Barton's father was Abner Fairchild from Morris Co., N. J. Abner fought in the Revolution in New York State—1st line, 2nd Regiment. He had five children: Susan, Phoebe, Sally, Ephraim and Barton.

Robert and Luella had four children. First, Adah Grace who married Chester Norval Pyle. Their children are Robert Riley Pyle and Reba Rodewald. Second, Rosa Marie who married Orlando Brunner. Their children are Morris Eugene who married Betty Boxell and Donna Glee who married Carl Imel. Third, Robert Emory Fairchild who married Ruth Stephenson. Their children are Nancy, David and James. Fourth, Doris Albert who married Anna Zigler. Their children are William Lee Fairchild who married Lucille Bleile and Delores who married Gene Howell. William Lee (Bill) and Lucille Live in Jay Co. Their children are Robert Allen who married Rhonda Lou Rook, Donna Lee who married Randy Dean Geesaman, Faye Marie and Rita Lynne. *Submitted by Reba Rodewald.*

Daniel Farber

Daniel Farber stated that he was born March 4, 1765, Morris County, New Jersey. His parents are unknown at this time. This is still being researched. (A family of Farber is found in the Morris County records, but there doesn't seem to be any relationship.)

Daniel claimed to have enlisted March 15, 1781, at the age of 16, and served as a Private in Captain John Howell's Company, 1st Regiment, New Jersey Continental Line. See attached court records regarding service, during the Revolutionary War.

Daniel and his first wife, Susannah Cochran were the parents of three living children: Sally Ann, Margaret, and Lewis S. Lewis was born in New York, April 30, 1813.

Daniel's second wife was Nancy, last name unknown at this time. They emigrated to Eastern Ohio and on March 17, 1834 removed to Randolph County, which was later Jay County, Indiana. They were the first family to move into Randolph County that year. They stayed the first night with Nancy Hawkins, whose house was the first resting place for most of the settlers. They lived with Philip Brown until Daniel built a cabin, just opposite the later residence of Dr. Joseph Watson at College Corners. They moved into it before there were either doors, windows, floor or chinking. Daniel wanted to put in a floor, but his wife, Nancy, said she would live on the ground until he could plant some corn, so the cabin remained floorless until September. Daniel worked hard to clear the 160 acres, that he had purchased from the government. He was a farmer so he soon had the crops planted. The children: Philip, John, Nancy Jane, Catherine, Lucinda, were born. The Salamonia, Randolph County, post office was established June 11, 1835. Daniel, who was the first Postmaster, kept the office in his cabin home. Located on the east side of the road at the top of the incline, which extends some thirty rods south from the cross roads at College Corners, it was convenient. People received their mail there from all parts of the county and some from parts of Adam County. The postage then was from ten to twenty-five cents on letters. Nancy Farber performed most of the few duties connected with the office.

In August 1836, the first Jay County election was held. The Justice of the Peace was one of the offices to be filled. There were only three precincts: one at B. Goldsmith's, one at Daniel Farber's and the third in Lick Creek Township.

Daniel was prominent among the older pioneers of Jay County, and did much toward advancing the interests of the township or county.

He filed his discharge from the army with the Jay County Clerk in 1840, and the papers were lost in 1843. He applied for a pension that year. The claim was rejected. After his 80th birthday Daniel walked to Washington, D. C. twice, wearing out two pairs of shoes, to prove that he was in the army during the Revolution. On the second return trip he stopped at the home of a long time friend, Daniel Wynant, in New Paris, Preble County, Ohio. This was about the 17th day of February. Daniel was very sick and requested to stay a few days. David A. Cos M. D. was called in to treat him, but Daniel sunk very fast and on the 21st day of February he died. Dr. Cox signed a statement stating "that he informed me while on his death bed that he had his business in relation to filing his claim for a pension satisfactorily arranged and was on his return to his family. He addressed a letter to Nancy Farber, wife of said Daniel Farber at the request of said Daniel Farber." Having no money or property to pay his funeral expenses, the trustees of Jefferson Township, County of Preble, Ohio had the said Daniel Farber decently buried at the expense of the township.

The DAR has accepted the files on Daniel Farber as true. *Submitted by Sallie E. Klure.*

George W. Farber

George William Farber was born in Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana, November 18, 1848, a son of Pastor Lewis S. and Martha Clark Farber. He began life for himself possessed of a good education and good habits, coupled with great ambition and a determination to succeed. His youth was spent as the young son of a circuit pastor, who traveled in the eastern part of Indiana and western section of Ohio. George was too young to be in the Civil War as his brothers were. But it seems likely that he was a party to the underground movement of slaves in Dunkirk, Ohio, through his father's church. He was in his early teens at the time.

July 27, 1873, George William was united in marriage to Elizabeth Finch. Seven children were born to this union: Sarah Martha, Lewis W., Thomas H., Benjamin C. (died at the age of 20 months), Grover, Atta Lee, and Celia A..

George Wm. homesteaded on section 4, Pike Township, his fine property consisted of 160 acres having been purchased by him in 1881. He erected a fine two-story residence 35x50 feet, which was built with a view to comfort and convenience, and his other building improvements, as a whole, were not excelled if equalled in Pike Township, at that time. By 1887 he owned beside his homestead nearly 100 acres of well improved land located on section 6, Pike Township.

George Wm. was not a farmer. He was one of Portland, Indiana's pioneer business men. Practically his entire life, more than fifty-five years, was spent in Jay County, where he traveled door to door dealing in sewing machines. At first he carried a sample machine on his back, which in his later years caused him to be humped-back. Later he used a small horse-drawn buggy to carry his machines. Long hours and determination made the business a great success. He devoted his profits to the purchase of real estate and improving his lands. (See note at end of article.)

At home Elizabeth, his wife was a strong woman who was able to take control of the home and children. It was through their efforts that the farm chores, farming, and general running of the home was completed. This was a hard life for the family, even with the value of money to buy new equipment and necessary things.

George Wm. died Wednesday evening, January 18,1928, at his home, 423 Main Street, Portland, Indiana. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage earlier in the day, while in the basement of his home caring for the furnace, and never regained consciousness. He had reached the age of 79 years and 2 months at the time of his death. Funeral services were conducted from the East Main Street Christian Church with interment in Green Park Cemetery, Portland, Indiana.

Elizabeth, 80 years old, died at her home February 17, 1936, Portland, Indiana. She was intered at Green Park Cemetery.

Note: It is worthy of mention that George would take any thing in trade for a sewing machine, this included chickens, cows, other farm animals and even tools. He would keep what he needed at his home place and trade off the other items. *Submitted by Sallie E. Klure.*

Lewis S. Farber

Lewis S. Farber was born April 30, 1813 to Daniel and Susannah Farber, somewhere in the state of New York.

His early life incident to pioneer days is well worthy of mention. His parents emigrated to eastern Ohio when Lewis was about twelve. His early manhood was spent on a farm. On March 17, 1834, they removed to Randolph County, which became Jay County, Indiana, where Lewis became identified with the early history of that county.

His life was full of experiences and accomplishments. He homesteaded a farm and later built the first house in Portland, Indiana, located on the southwest corner of Main and Meridian Streets.

On December 11, 1834, he was married to Mary Ann Mays to whom were born three children: Jonathan, Milligan (both died in infancy), and Hannah Ann.

Lewis assisted in platting the county seat and was appointed the first County Assessor, November 8, 1836.

He was the first school teacher in the county.

He came from a Congregational background but in January 1839 he was converted to United Brethren.

A few months after Mary's death, Lewis married Martha Clark, August 12, 1840. To this union were born eleven children: Mary Ann, Margaret, Benjamin, Curtis, George William, Martha, Augustus, Susannah, Lucy Ella, David, and James Markwood.

In July 1843 Lewis was licensed by the Quarterly conference to preach and in 1850 he was received into the Miami Conference of the United Brethren. He was an active member being instrumental in organizing many new churches. As pastor of the Wabash Circuit of Auglaize Conference 1853 he received a salary of $132.00 per year.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, when a wave of patriotic enthusiasm spread throughout the North, calling upon the brave and sturdy yeomanry to maintain unsullied the national honor, the parsonage of Lewis S. Farber in Dunkirk, Ohio, became a part of the underground railroad which filtered slave negroes from the South to the North.

It is worthy to note that while Lewis was stationed at Dunkirk, Ohio, his sons, Benjamin and Curtis entered into the army for three years, enlisting September 8, 1863, in Company A, Twelfth Ohio Cavalry. Curtis lacked ten days of his seventeenth birthday when his name was enrolled as a volunteer. He took part in a number of battles, minor engagements and skirmishes, including Salisbury, North Carolina, where the Twelfth Cavalry was detached for the purpose of assisting in the pursuit and capture of the president of the Southern Confederacy, Jefferson Davis. Curtis was less than a half mile of Davis when the later was captured and, with others of his command, he assisted in guarding the noted prisoner and accompanied him until he was placed in the car of another escort. Benjamin, a private, died July 30, 1864 in the General Hospital at Lexington, Kentucky. Due to his untimely death, to pneumonia, his parents received a small pension.

During this period Lewis was transferred to Jay County, Indiana, at the time the church was split. Pastor Farber went with the United Brethren Old Constitution, known as the Radical United Brethren and became a member of the St. Joseph Conference to which he retained his membership until his death. He was present at the dedication of the first church in Jay County. He had 61 years of active ministry.

In 1878 he removed to Kosciusko County, Indiana. Martha died March 30, 1895. In his later years Lewis made his home with, first, his son Augustus, and later his daughter Margaret. He was the head of a large family, of whom at the time of his death, March 2, 1903, there were ten living children, forty-seven grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren. To this family he was a most devoted husband and father; to the church an earnest, honest, patriotic adherent; and to the community, always a kind obliging neighbor. *Submitted by Sallie E. Klure.*

George Fennig

George Fennig was born in Alsace, France (near Strassburg) in 1796. He married, 1818, Mary Menchofer who was born Alsace, France 1797. They came to America 1828.

They entered land in Richland County, Ohio, east of Ashland, Ohio. From there the family went to Loudonville, Ohio where George died in 1837 and is buried there. Loudonville, Ohio is in Holmes County and is approximately seventy miles north east of Columbus, Ohio and is south east of Mansfield, Ohio.

The widow and family then moved to Mercer County, Ohio to a farm located in Washington Township, legally described as: 80 acres S½ SW¼ Section 10 Twp. 6-S Range 1-E. As of this date, 1982, the land is owned by Wm. M. and Kathleen Freeman. There the mother died in 1870 and is buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, south of Wabash, Oh.

George Fennig and Mary (Menchofer) Fennig had the following children: George Fennig (1818-1895) married Barbara Bastian (1823-1899); Mary Fennig (1819-1886) married Jacob Bastian; Jacob Fennig (1822-1877) married, 1851, Susanna Catherine Holzer (1827-1905); Margaret Fennig (1825-1902) married Henry Ketring; John Fennig (1829-1902) married, 1856, Catherine Spriggs; Saloma Fennig (1832-1897) married John Leininger; and Phillip Fennig (1835-1924) married Louisa Locker (1841-1925). *Submitted by Calvin A. Fennig.*

Loudenville, Ohio

George Fennig

George Fennig was born June 30, 1818 in Alsace, France, the son of George Fennig (1796-1837) and Mary (Menchofer) Fennig (1797-1870).

George came to America with his parents in 1828. They entered land in Richland County, Ohio where young George was reared.

He was married at the age of twenty-three (1841) to Barbara Bastian who was born April 18, 1823. They moved to Holmes County, Ohio and purchased forty (40) acres of land which they disposed of a few years later and located in Mercer County, Ohio. From the U. S. Government he purchased eighty (80) acres of wilderness land in Marion Township, Mercer County, Ohio. This was their home until they came to Indiana and settled in Wabash Township. They purchased 128 acres of wilderness located two miles south and two miles east of New Corydon, Ind. for a price of $2.54 per acre. This Deed of purchase is dated May 26, 1852; recorded December 9, 1852 in Deed Record Book "G" Page 402 in the Office of the Jay County Recorder and legally described as NE¼ Section 15-24-15. November 9, 1852, Mr. Fennig purchased 130.94 acres one mile north of his home, this new addition being the NE Fractional Quarter Section 10-24-15 recorded in Deed Record Book "G", Page 406. At this date, 1982, Calvin Fennig is the owner and resides on the 128 acres and Raymond Wagner the 130.94 acres.

Mr. Fennig sympathized with those who struggled with their hands. He had a difficult struggle with poverty in his youth. When he was married to Barbara Bastian, he had nothing, not even the money with which to buy a cook stove. Only his hard work, thrift, incredible will and untiring perseverance enabled him to claim victory. However, he was successful, owning at one time 460 acres of land which he divided among his children during his life.

Mr. Fennig was a man who stood well with his neighbors and made strong and lasting friendships. He possessed a broad understanding of things in general and was a very capable business man. He was appointed Superintendent of the Reservoir at Celina, Ohio and served in that capacity for four years. He was chosen for several years of service as Trustee of Wabash Township and discharged the duties imposed in a manner which inspired the confidence and esteem of even the most critical.

Mr. Fennig was a member of the Lutheran Church and was a devout Christian. He departed his life February 3, 1895. His was a noble life and his strong personality exerted a dominating influence on those with whom he was associated, becoming a power for good.

His wife, Barbara, went to her reward July 20, 1899 (as recorded in Book H-3, page 41 in the Jay County Health Office, Portland, Ind.) at age seventy-six.

George Fennig and Barbara (Bastian) Fennig had 10 children: Mary E. Fennig (1841-1919) married, 1864, James Gibson (1841-1887); Anna M. Fennig (1844-1865) never married; Saloma Fennig (1846-1919) married, 1870, Geo. William Gibson (1845-1920); Caroline Fennig (1848-?) married, 1877, George Wolf (Loudonville); George W. Fennig (1852-1932) married, 1875, Sarah Locker (1852-1914); Henry J. Fennig (1854-1938) married Anna Locker (1858-1931); John F. Fennig (1856-1940) married, 1880, Eunice Dock (?-1939); Lewis P. Fennig (1859-1938) married, 1882, Mary Anna Tullis (1857-1891); ________ married, 1894, Ida Alice Runkle (1869-1953); Solomon D. Fennig (1861-1939) married, 1885, Margaret Luttman

Fennig brothers, sons of George and Barbara. George W., Henry, John, Lewis, Solomon, and James.

(1864-1939); and James E. Fennig (1865-1946) married, 1893, Margaret Beeler (1874-1941).

George Fennig and Barbara (Bastian) Fennig are buried State Line Cemetery. *Submitted by Calvin A. Fennig.*

James E. Fennig

James E. Fennig was the youngest of ten children of Geroge Fennig (1818-1895) and Barbara (Bastian) Fennig (1823-1899). He lived with his parents on the Wabash Township farm, NE Quarter Section 15, 128 acres known as the "Home Place".

James married, 1893, Margaret (Maggie) Beeler (1874-1941) and they first lived two and one half miles south of Fort Recovery, Ohio for two years; then moved to one mile north of the home place on the Ohio side of the Indiana-Ohio State Line. They moved to the 128-acre home place (exact date unknown) where they continued to live until they moved to a newly purchased home in Wabash, Ohio where they lived at the time of their deaths. They are buried State Line Cemetery.

James E. Fennig and Margaret (Beeler) Fennig were parents of two children: Zula Melinda Fennig (1894-1962) married, 1913, James Ralph McMillan (1889-1953); Delphia Fennig (1896-1972) married, 1918, Edith Linn (1898-1977).

Delphia and Edith (Linn) Fennig, after their marriage, lived in Adams County, Indiana, at the corner of the Indiana-Ohio State Line and Jay-Adams County Line. From there they moved to the Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana 128-acre home place. They lived on this farm until 1946 when they moved to their home in Wabash, Ohio, where they died. They are buried Swamp College Cemetery, west of Celina, Ohio.

Delphia and Edith were the parents of one son: Calvin A. Fennig (1920-?) married, 1944, Evelyn Bollenbacher (1925-1972).

Calvin and Evelyn lived on the above mentioned Wabash Township Farm and had two children: Sue Fennig (1946-) married, 1966, James Fraze (1943-); and Lee Fennig (1949-) married, 1970, Sue Gerlach (1950-).

To Sue and James Fraze were born: Larry Fraze (1967-) and Aaron Fraze (1973-).

To Lee and Sue Fennig were born: Sherrie Fennig (1971-); Denise Fennig (1972-); Jason Fennig (1976-); and Kevin Fennig (1979-).

Currently (1982) Calvin A. Fennig lives on the Wabash Township Farm where there has been a member of the Fennig family since 1852. Sue and James Fraze and children live near Munice, Indiana. Lee and Sue Fennig and children live near Celina, Ohio. *Submitted by Calvin A. Fennig.*

Fidler

John William Fidler was born in Jay Co. on Sept. 24, 1921, the son of James Benjamin and Coral Dean (Journay) Fidler natives of Jay Co. His father was born July 8, 1891 and his mother on June 15, 1890. His parents were married on Sept. 8, 1912 and had three children: Charlotte Katherine was born in 1916 and died very young, John William, and James Journay. James was born on Feb. 5, 1924 and married Idora Cline. They live in Ypsilanti, Mich. and have two married children, Robert James and Pamela Jane (Boyd). John and his future wife Helen both graduated from Bryant High School with the Class of 1940. He was active in sports and both were in 4-H Club work. During World War II John served in the U. S. Air Force and Helen worked at a bomber plant in Mich.

In Lincoln, Nebraska on Dec. 28, 1942, he married Helen Maxine Bailey. She was born in Bearcreek Twp., Jay Co. on Feb. 9, 1921, the daughter of John P. and Lydia Gertrude (Sherman) Bailey, Jay Co. natives. She has two brothers, Orval and John Ward and two sisters, Dorotha (Mrs. G. Bunsold) and Barbara (Mrs. K. Moses). She attended the Westchester E.U.B. Church with her family. Following their marriage, Helen stayed near where John was stationed whenever possible. Their first daughter, Carolyn Diane was born on Sept. 13, 1945 near Wilmington, N. Carolina while he was stationed there. At the end of World War II they moved to Ypsilanti, Mich. where they still reside and two more daughters were born, Deborah Ann on Feb. 1, 1948 and Dawn LeAnn on Oct. 30, 1955. The girls were active in 4-H and Helen was a 4-H Leader for twelve years. While the girls were young the family started camping and they have traveled all over the United States. The oldest daughter, Diane, married Richard Melms, she has one son, John Moore, born on April 11, 1967 and they reside in Anchorage Alaska. Their second daughter, Deborah, married Gary Pinzle, they have five daughters: Danielle, born June 15, 1968; Deanna on Sept. 18, 1969; Darcy on Aug. 18, 1971; Deanie on June 2, 1974 and Devonie on Dec. 18, 1977, and they reside in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Dawn, their youngest daughter, reciently married John Matthews and they reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

John's hobbies are fishing, camping and hunting. In 1958 they started hunting out West each year. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge. Helen enjoys cooking, plants and crafts. They both enjoy taking pictures, traveling and making friends, of which they have many all over the U. S. They are both employed at the Lincoln Mercury Dealership in Ann Arbor, Michigan. *Submitted by Linca Kirkpatrick.*

1981—Front row: Helen, grandchildren, John Moore, Darcy, Deanna, Deanie, Devonie and Danielle Pinzel and John. Center row: Diane Melms, Dawn and John Mathews, and Deborah Pinzel. Back row: Richard Melms and Gary Pinzel.

Abraham and Jacob Fifer

Abraham Fifer (Pifer) was born 1794. He married Lydia Fry in Rockingham County, Va., on July 20, 1813. In 1820 they moved to Knox Township, Columbiana County, Ohio. On Feb. 9, 1843, they bought land in Bearcreek Township, Jay County, In., on Section 23.

Abraham and Lydia had eleven children, born in three different states: Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. They were: Jacob, John, Adam, Isaac, Abraham, Peter, George, William, Lydia, Betsy, Polly, Mary who died at ten years of age.

Abraham Fifer, b. 1794, d. April 2, 1857. Lydia (Fry) Fifer, b. 1801, d. Oct. 26, 1871. Both are buried in Montgomery Cemetery, Highway 67 east of Bryant, In.

Jacob Fifer, eldest son of Abraham and Lydia (Fry) Fifer, was born Aug. 10, 1814, in Rockingham County, Va. The Fifers are of German descent. When Jacob was six years old, his parents moved to Knox Township, Columbiana County, Ohio. The Fifers were farmers.

In 1839 Jacob came to Bearcreek Township, Jay County, and worked at clearing land. On Feb. 5, 1841, he married Sarah Ann Whiteman, daughter of James E. and Mary (North) Whiteman. They lived in Section 11, Bearcreek Township and raised a family of nine children: Benjamin, b. Jan. 3, 1842, served in Co. E, 89 In. Inf. and was a prisoner in the Civil War. He married Samantha Butcher in 1870; James, b. 1843, married Rebecca May and moved to Michigan; Isabell, b. 1846, married George Daugherty in 1865; Lydia Ann, b. 1849, married Lewis Houser; William A. married Susan McConaha; Susan married John Burk and moved to Nebraska; Mary E. married James M. Butcher; Ida, b. 1862, married Newton J. Betz; and Harriet who married Samuel Dynes.

Jacob was a progressive farmer. He had a large orchard and a cider mill. His granddaughter, Daisy Daugherty, used to relate many stories of pleasant winter evenings going in a bobsled to her Grandfather Fifer's and eating popcorn and delicious apples.

Jacob and Sarah Ann Fifer were members of the Christian Church. Jacob died in 1897, and Sarah Ann died April 1, 1892. Both are buried in the Daugherty Cemetery on the Jay-Adams County Line. *Submitted by Helen P. Jackson.*

Finch

According to oral tradition, the Finch family came overland from the hills of North Carolina. Previously they had migrated from Scotland (N. England?). They settled in northeast Henry County as farmers and hunters. Adam Hamilton Finch (my grandfather) had numerous hunting stories from these early days involving deer and bear.

At one time before the Civil War, a school election caused the local politicians to declare that "No damn Democrat could vote in their precinct." The "Finch boys" left peacably and returned with their guns and carried the election. They soon decided to migrate to Jay County and freedom". They drove covered wagons from Henry County along the angling road through Redkey and New Mount Pleasant. They spent a long time cutting down the Butternut Creek sides at Coulson Hill in order to cross safely. They settled east in the vicinity of the Little Salamonia in Church on a swampy woodland. They settled on farms on the Little Salamonie near the Little Salamonia Church near Liber. There my grandfather met and married Eliza Jane Allen, student at Liber College and a schoolteacherr. They moved to a wilderness area in Green Township west of what is now U.S. 67. At first they depended largely on wild game. My father, Selma, always remembered the surfeit of wild turkeys which prevented starvation. They depended upon hunting the first winter and were hungry most of the winter. My father, Selma, was born on the farm in 1872.

The boom in railroad building led them to migrate to Collett in Pike Township. A. H. Finch became storekeeper, railroad agent and postmaster. His numerous relatives settled nearly. At one time the family was interested not only in the post office, general store, and railroad, but also in the sawmill, tile mill, stockyard, grain mill and probably a lot besides. None of the family ever made much money but always had a great abundance of hard work for all members.

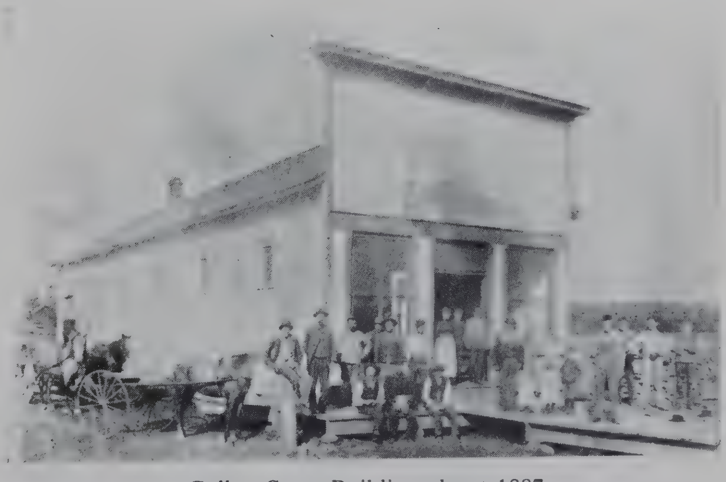
As my grandfather aged, my father filled in the spaces. Sometime in the 1800's grandfather adopted an orphan who came through Indiana from Boston. His name was Joseph (Riley) Finch. He was later engaged in business in College Corner and Portland.

I was born in a little house my father had built on the northeast side of the railroad. Subsequently we lived in several houses in Collett and of course were frequent visitors to our numerous relatives in the vicinity.

There were two churches in Collett. The East Church (United Brethern) now Nazarene and the West Church, Radical United Brethern. We attended and belonged to the East Church. But apparently my earliest rememberance is concerned with the West Church. A community Christmas party was held at the West Church. A red cedar tree had been brought in and decorated. It held one of the original Teddy Bears as a gift to me from Grandpa Finch. I do not remember anything else about it. Now I realize how hard it must have been for him, as a real Democrat, to have anything to do with a Teddy. I must have been less than four years old.

Though my father was Township Trustee, he sold out in Collett and bought a farm a mile west of College Corner next spring.

In 1980 we moved from Collett to the farm west of College Corner. The house was small and required extensive



Collett Store Building about 1887
In doorway: Eliza Jane Allen Finch, Selma Finch, Adam Hamilton Finch. Right of doorway (long hair and beard) Thomas Hamilton Finch.

revision. The barn was old and needed to be replaced. Father started this work at once on the barn. The hired hands (relatives) slept in the barn but ate at the house. Mother was very hard pushed with the necessary work besides being pregnant. My second brother, Glen, was born in October 1909. (Col. Glen Finch, U.S. Army, retired.) My sister Mary started to school at Coulson Hill but was unhappy there. Father used to take her on his bicycle (whoever heard of a school bus then?)

We planned a big celebration on Christmas. The usual red cedar tree was brought in from the woods. Mary and I were happily making paper chains as decorations when she took sick with high fever. The doctor diagnosed the trouble as typhoid fever. That required an immediate ditch to drain the vicinity of our well. While she had still not recovered, scarlet fever struck. Mary, father, mother and I were all affected. This put an effective end to the extensive carpentering going on at the time. Mother had had scarlet fever as a child so was able to take care of the rest of us. We were seriously ill. I was diagnosed as having infantile paralysis. An epidemic was in progress in the county with several resulting deaths. When I improved, my legs were drawn up tight. Various doctors had various theories—the prevalent one was that I would have to learn to walk again. Father made me small crutches so that when my right leg relaxed somewhat, I could hobble along. The left leg was dislocated at the hip and still is. I have been seriously lame, usually painfully,since aged four. An osteopath at Decatur said the hip was dislocated but he needed someone to help him pull it back in place. All M.D.'s refused.

Meanwhile we operated a registered Jersey dairy farm with at least one imported male. Jerseys are notorious for being temperamental and cross. One day as I was watching my father lead the bull, a stick with a snap into his nose was used, the bull got loose and took after me. I could travel fairly fast with crutches but could not open the barn gate. So I swarmed over the fence like a squirrel but with little space to go. I still remember how scared I was. The Jersey milk was rich, tested about 7 percent. To increase income, father bought some Holstein cows. They gave lots of milk, some as weak as 2 percent, but one of them Rose, was a family pet. She came in from the pasture leaking so Mary and I got a milk bucket and set it under her. Then one on one side and one on the other, we began milking Rose. She stood perfectly still. Sometimes we milked half a bucket before dad got around to finishing the job.

The improvements on the house and barn begun before the scarlet fever were carried out, including running water in the house with upstairs bathroom.

Dad was not at heart a farmer, so he bought a place in College Corner and built a store building there. We operated a huckster wagon and a big garden. The whole family worked. Dad became restless and bought a grocery on Seventh and Meridian in Portland.

I started to school in College Corner and went there almost three years, ending up in the fifth grade. At one time, only three of the 25-30 pupils were not cousins. When we moved to Portland I had my first experience in a multi-room school, the old General Shanks. I did not like the change. I was much more handicapped by my lameness than at College Corner. For one thing I needed to make many trips up and down stairs each day. My awkwardness seemed to irritate the teachers and was painful to me. During my seventh grade I had rheumatic fever. I was excused from school most of the year. Under mother's guidance I did all the lessons and had time to do extra reading and take long bike rides in the country. My schedule was flexible. At the end of the year I was promoted to the eighth grade. I went to high school in the old Judge Haynes building. I had no time for homework because I worked downtown in the Finch Grocery every evening until 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 6 a.m. till 10 p.m. at least. I walked from our home at the corner of 7th and Meridian to school and usually home for lunch. We didn't know it, but now we would be considered "poor".

On graduating from high school I was given a Rector scholarship at DePauw to pay tuition. I was very homesick but finished the year with flying colors. Then my family, as usual, was hard up. I was persuaded at the end of the year to take the last schoolteachers examination for a teachers license. My mother arranged for me to teach in a one roomed school in Wayne Township. I had difficulties with discipline—some of the pupils were bigger than I. Next year I was hired to teach in Portland in the old "portable" at Judge Haynes. I taught a big room, 5th and 6th grades with about as many pupils as is now usual in two rooms. It was a promotion; I had taught eight months in Wayne Township for $800. Next year I taught nine months for $800. At DePauw I received $1000! Next year I returned to DePauw and graduated M.A. in 1927. In 1928 I taught Latin full-time at DePauw.

Next year I was given a partime instructorship at the University of Michigan. I taught one class for $1000. Next year I was given a one year instructorship at the University of Wisconsin. That summer I married Mary Rennoe whom I had known at DePauw. She had taught a year as missionary professor of Classics at Knoxville College. We had both saved as much as possible, expecting to complete our Ph.D's at the University of Michigan.

All started well but our savings were lost in a bank failure. We got along until the closing of all banks, the University could not pay the small scholarship it owed me. We had only what groceries we had in our one room apartment. We nearly starved. Finally all things ended and I was given my Ph.D. in the spring but my wife had to abandon hers for lack of funds.

There were no jobs. My father-in-law hired me as a truck driver in Knoxville. Finally in the middle of the year I was recalled to the University of Michigan to teach Latin and Greek again. That spring I was hired to teach at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. I taught there seven years. My first daughter, Cynthia, was born there. Again Depression took over and we returned eventually to Collett where my father was operating a small general store.

I taught for several years in Collett, Bluff Point, Union City, Parker, Farmland, and Stoney Creek. I taught elementary school mostly and used very little of my advanced training. I served on the Jay County Library Board for several years and operated the first Bookmobile. I operated the Collett Store until 1959 when we held an auction and sold out our stock. My wife had decided that since our three daughters were practically grown up, she wanted to teach again. She taught at New Mount Pleasant, Ridgeville and Winchester. We operated the U. S. Weather Bureau's Collett weather station for over 20 years.

After several heart attacks I was finally disabled (1968) and have remained so. My wife died after three major operations for cancer. I lived alone for five years or so and finally had to give up driving and so sold out and moved to Denver to live with my second daughter, Irene Moose. My third daughter, Malinda Kleucker, is a French horn player in the Copenhagen Symphony Orchestra (Denmark). Cynthia, the oldest, is a medical technologist at Luthern Hospital in Fort Wayne. *Submitted by Sharon Finch.*

The Fletcher Family Center: Carolyn Ruth and Harlow Ray Fletcher, parents. Daughters—Left to right: Kathleen, Jeannine, Colleen and Christine.

Carolyn Ruth (Shoemaker) Fletcher

Carolyn Ruth Shoemaker was born May 24, 1943, the third child of H. Vaughn and Thelora Maxine (Avey) Shoemaker, at their home in Bearcreek Township, Jay County. There, she grew up and attended the Bryant School, graduating from the high school in 1961. Following graduation, she attended Marion College, Marion, Indiana, from 1961-1964. While in college she was the piano accompanist for the college choir.

At Marion College, she met Harlow Ray Fletcher from Pittsville, Wisconsin, who was also a student and sang in the college choir. Carolyn and Harlow were married in 1963. Both are school teachers, presently with the South Adams School System, Adams County, Indiana. They are making their home in Berne, Indiana.

To this union, four daughters have been born: Colleen Michelle, December 24, 1964; Jeannine Renee, November 21, 1967; Christine Lynette, May 8, 1969; and Kathleen Janelle, June 16, 1971.

The family is very active in church and community activities. The daughters attend school in the South Adams School System. The West Missionary Church near Berne is the family's church home.

Frazee

Old John, b. 1802, and Mary Dixon Frazee, b. 1803, were the first Frazee's to land in New York from Wales. They settled in Pennsylvania in 1827. Later, they came to Crawford Co., Oh. where they lived the rest of their lives.

John and Mary raised a family of nine children: John Jr., b. 1835; Phoebe married H. Barker; Delilah married John Myers, all in Michigan; Andrew, of Nevada, Ohio; Agnes who married Ben Easterday; Margaret, of Hamilton, Ohio; Telitha, the wife of Godleib Ritenger, of Michigan; George, of Gallion, Ohio; and Mary of Nevada, Ohio.

John Junior, now Sr., married Anna Catherine Goodyear. They moved to Jay County, in Wabash Township. There they cleared 80 acres and built a log house. John Sr. (1835-1915) and Anna (1840-1902) were the parents of five children: Jennie Frazee Flesher, Portland; Etta Frazee Barley, of Adams County; John A. Jr., of Michigan; Melissa P. Frazee Myers, of Michigan; and Samuel E., Noble Twp., Jay County.

Samuel E. (1878-1972) was born in Seneca Co. near Bucyrus, Oh. before his parents came to Jay County. He married Rozilla Kimble on Oct. 2, 1902, at the Kimble residence. The service was performed by the Rev. O. S. Green. Rozilla's parents were Benjamin and Laura Shimp Kimble. Later in the day, the young couple went to the Jay County Fair. They became parents of Laurabelle in 1903, and Cleo Icelene was born in 1906. Evelene Ruth Marie was born in 1908.

Laurabelle was married to Victor Young in 1922, by the Rev. Fred Stovenour. Victor died after two and a half years. On April 28, 1931, she married John Fink of Dayton, Oh. John became a victim of a heart attack in 1971.

Cleo Icelene married Lee Subler. They operated the grocery at Noble from 1938-1944. Cleo died, aged 38, in 1945.

Ruth married Clarence Rabe, of near Ft. Recovery, Oh. in 1938. Their marriage was performed by Rev. Milton Wisely.

Samuel E. lived to by 96 years, and Rozilla was aged 58 when she died. The Samuel Frazee's attended church at the Noble Christian Church. They lived just north of the church. Rev. Boyce and Carol Sharpe live there at present. Just north of the church, on old St. Red. 22, near the Adam Alig farm, was the Post Office called Ample in the early days.

John and brother Andrew were in the Civil War. George, the younger was to stay home and care for the parents. George rebelled, and went off also. Somewhere in the south, John and George met. They became aquainted with two sisters, Anna Catherine and Caroline Goodyear. The two brothers procured some stolen Rebel uniforms, escapted from the Army, and married the girls. They all came to Ohio to live. *Submitted by Laurabelle Fink.*

Flory

This is the history and biography of the Flory family of Jay County. This was collected and compiled by Calvin Flory with the help of Mr. John Sherman.

Joseph J. (Floriey) German, (Flory), (Fleure) French, and his wife, Mary, sailed from Palatinate, Germany on the ship "Hope" from Rotterdam, Holland and arrived at the Port of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He took the oath of allegiance on August 28, 1733 with his children: Maria (21), Joseph Jr. (19), Hunliey (17), Johannas F. (15), and Jacob (6). Katherine was born on the voyage.

Abraham Sr. was born in 1735 and was the ancestor of the Jay County Flory's. He was married to Catherine Blocker, the oldest child of eleven. Abraham served in the Revolutionary War. He was a German Baptist minister, farmer, and a blacksmith. He and Catherine had seven children: Abraham Jr., born in 1764; John (born 1766); Susanna (born 1768); Joseph (born 1769); Emanuel (born 1776); Henry (born 1777). They had another daughter whose name is not known. Emanuel is another ancestor of the Jay County Flory's. Abraham Flory Sr. moved with his family to

Franklin County, Pennsylvania. (About the year 1784, in the vicinity of Waynesboro and Greencastle.) About 1796, he moved to Somerset County, Pa., near Myersdale, Pa., and later, about 1805, moved to Montgomery County, Ohio. They settled about ten miles west of Dayton, Ohio, on a farm long known as the Elder Jacob Garber farm. It was located one mile east of Diamond Mills Road and one and a half miles north of the Eaton Pike. Abraham Flory Sr. died at the age of 92. He lived among his children for several years prior to his death.

Indians were very common along Wolf Creek in those days. They often came to the Flory home to get their guns repaired at the farm blacksmith shop. Living was very simple in those days. Most clothes were hand made. Most of their farm tools and machinery were made either in the blacksmith shop or the tool shed.

Emanuel Flory was married to Sarah Keagy. They had eight children: John (born 1798), Jacob (born 1800), Samuel (born 1803), Abraham (born 1807), Emanuel Jr. (born 1810), Sarah (born 1813), Daniel (born 1816), and Esther (born 1819).

John Flory is another ancestor of the Flory family of Jay Co. He married Barbra Kidder. They had ten children: David (born 1823), Emanuel (born 1825), twins, Abraham and Daniel (born 1827), Susanna (born 1828), Benjamin (born 1831), Elizabeth (born 1833), John (born 1834), Mary (born 1837), and Rachel (born 1843).

Benjamin is another ancestor of the Jay Co. Flory family. He married Mary Ann Spitler. They moved from Montgomery County, Ohio, to Jay Co., Ind. They settled in Noble Township in the late 1800's. He was a timber cutter and a farmer. They had four children: Calvin O. (born 1872), Lydia (birthdate not known), Ann (birthdate not known), and Mollie (birthdate not known).

Calvin O. was the grandfather of the Jay Co. Flory's. He remained in Jay County working as a timber cutter and a farmer. He married Nora A. Bell. They had three children: Cecil (born 1896), Racal May (born 1897), and Veo (born 1899).

Racal May (Flory), (Steed), Thomas) married Bud Steed. They had five children: Thelma Juanita (born 1916), twins, Geraldin Marciel and Lowell Herbert (born 1918), Thurl Glenn (born 1920), and Velma Alice (born 1922).

Lowell Herbert married Beulah Pauline Holly. (Her father was Emerson Scott Holly. Her mother was Mary Olive (Offill) Holly). They have one daughter, Linda Kay Steed. She married Robert J. Fiegle Jr. They have one daughter, Jennifer Kay (born 1977).

Thurl Glenn Steed married Dora Pauline Stacy. (Her father was John Stacy). They have one son, Glenn Alexander (born 1949). He married Patricia Gail Crowder. They have three children: Debra Ann (born 1973), John Glenn (born 1978), and William Howard (born 1979).

Velma Alice Steed married Lee P. Farrell. (His father was Chester W. Farrell and his mother was Ida Elizabeth (Garrison) Farrell). They have three children: Dennis Lee (born 1949), Marjorie Alice (born 1952), and Connie Denis (born 1958).

Dennis Lee Farrell married Yvonne Homes. Both were in the Air Force for four years.

Marjorie Alice Farrell married Bruce Banard. They have one son, Benjamin (born 1976). His middle name is Allen.

Veo Flory was a farmer in Jay County. He married Ethel Martin. (Her father was Solomon W. Martin and her mother was Sarah A. (Bechdolt) Martin. They made their home about six miles northeast of Portland, Indiana. They had four children: Gerald Veo (born 1922), William Calvin (born 1924), Annabelle Ethel (born 1930), and Rubynelle May (born 1932).

Gerald Veo Flory is a farmer. He is married to Opal Lavonne (Norris) Flory. (Her father was Alva F. Norris and her mother was Nancy Belle (Engle) Norris). They live on one of the original Flory farms and have one daughter, Nancy Diana (born April 21, 1953). She is married to Phillip Strait. They have three children: Julie (born 1973), Kristie (born 1976), and Bradley (born 1977).

William Calvin Flory is an electrician and machinest. He is married to Marie O. (Smith) Flory. (Her father was Robert W. Smith and her mother, Senella F. (Kerns). They have one daughter, Marilyn Marie (born Jan. 28, 1946). She is married to Larry L. Bickel. They have three children: Tane Marie (born 1965), Kent Lee (born 1966), and Danielle Renee (born 1972).

Annabelle Ethel (Flory) Smith married Orla E. Smith. (His father was Clinton Smith and his mother was Alice M. (Sullenbarger) Smith). They have two children: Jeffry Veo (born 1952), and Rhonda Ann (born 1955).

Jeffry Veo Smith married Agnes Marie Hart. They had three children: April Marie (born 1972), Nathan Veo (born 1976, deceased), and Michelle Renee (born 1977).

Rhonda Ann Smith married Max C. Ludy. They have one son, Kyle Kevin (born 1975).

Rubynelle May Flory married Edgar Fay Mertz. (his father is R. Fay Mertz and his mother is Thelma (Wright) Mertz). Edd and Ruby, as they are known, are contractors and Edd is a race car driver. They have three adopted children and one foster daughter: Joyce Elaine (born 1954), Jennifer Ellen (born 1955), and Jonathan Edgar (born 1958). Barbara L. Hudson, the foster daughter.

Joyce E. Mertz married Richard Lake. They have three children: Trenda Marie (born 1974), Eric Richard (born 1976), and Jacqueline Michell (born 1978).

Jennifer Ellen Mertz married John C. Crosbie. They have two sons: James C. Crosbie (born 1973), and Adam Justin (born 1977).

Jonathan E. Mertz married Veronica L. (Knoth) and they have one son, Allan Joshua (born 1979).

Barbara L. Hudson, foster daughter, is married to Freddie LeRoy Givens. They have one daughter, Heather Dawn (born 1978-during the blizzard of that year). *Submitted by Calvin Flory.*

C. F. Franks

Christian F. Franks was born in Jay County, Indiana, the son of John and Sarah (Johnson) Franks. John Franks (1804-) married Sarah Johnson (1813-1951) in Pennsylvania. They moved to Ohio then came to Indiana settling in Jay County. They had thirteen children: Mrs. Washington (Mary Jane) Bennett, Mrs. James (Barbara Ann) Granger, Mrs. Basil (Rachel) Crowman, Joseph married Emmaline Bennett, Charles married Sarah Geeseman, Elizabeth, Mrs. George (Sarah) Stoner, Mrs. Samuel (Catherine) Gibson, Hulda, Mrs. William (Margaret) Schaffer, Christian (our subject), Thomas married Weltha Jane Geeseman, and Elisha, a twin to Thomas. The last three being born in Indiana.

Christian F. Franks Family
Front row—left to right: Christian, Burl, Elisha, Stella, Rachel. Back row—left to right: James Levi, Perry A., Anna, Joseph, Charley.

On November 3, 1867, our subject, Christian F. Franks married Rachel Geeseman, born December 16, 1848 in Sandusky County, Ohio, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (Johnson) Geeseman. Samuel and Mary Ann Geeseman came to Wayne Township, Jay County, Indiana, around 1850. Samuel and Mary Ann had eight children: William Henry (1835-1916) married Lear Tibbs; Belinda (1838-1901) married William W. Holly; Louis Franklin (1840-1926) married Sarah Jane Hamilton; Mrs. William (Esther) Mathews (1841-1928); Mrs. Charles (Sarah Elizabeth) Franks (1844-1917); Mrs. Thomas (Weltha Jane) Franks (1846-); Mrs. Christian (Rachel) Franks (1848-1919),wife of our subject; and John L. (1952-1928) married Nancy Lanning.

Christian and Rachel Franks had eight children: Charles (-1946) married Faye Layman. They had three children: Charles, Stella and Ralph. James Levi (1884-) married Etta Tucker. James and Etta had nine children: Mrs. Jerry (Mary) Goulet, Mrs. Franklin (Rachel) Shelly, Arol, Mrs. Enos (Della) Harris, Mrs. Harold (Irene) Moser, Orville Leon, killed in WWII (1921-1944), Francis, Laurence, and Mrs. Virgil (Bernice) Timmons. Joseph Edward (1869-) married Lillian Nelson. They had two children, Dessie and a boy died young. Later he married Edith Tullis. To this union was born two daughters, Mrs. Jesse (Inez Marie) McBride and Mae died young.

Perry A. (1874-1938) married Flora Blount, had one child, Mrs. Elzara Johnson Florra, died, and in 1902 Perry married Bertha Fields. To this union were born Roy (1904-1953) married Clara Corle, Mrs. Prince (Mildred) Waymire (1908-), Gerald (1910-1977), Mrs. Ernest (Goldie) Bright (1912-), Everett (1914-), Russell (1915-) married Jean Englehart. Elisha (1885-1968) married Rosa Schaffer. They had four children: Belva, Berlyn, Emerson and DeWayne. Burley (1887-) served in World War I, married Mable Graham and second Mettie Bright. No children. Stella (1889-1943) married John Loy. They were the parents of Ollie (1905-1914), Elisha (1908-1981), and Willis (b. and d. 1910). Anna (1871-1943) married Troy Haviland. They had three children, Mrs. Hazel Fowler, Mrs. Eva Hysel and Jesse.

Christian F. Franks died January 18, 1907, his wife Rachel died January 26, 1919 and are buried in the Maplelawn Cemetery, Pennville, Jay County, Indiana. Christian was a Quaker by faith, a farmer by trade, lived in Jay County all his life as do many of his descendants. *Submitted by Mrs. Inez Marie McBride.*

Dennis G. Frank

The first home Dennis Frank knew when he moved to Indiana was a two story log cabin with an outside stairway. The cabin was located on high ground near the Limberlost Creek in Bearcreek Township. Dennis came to Jay County as a small child with his parents, William Sumner and Catherine Fidela (McDowell) Frank, and an older sister, Mary. He had been born in Mercer County, Ohio, in 1887. His father made the furniture in that first home, and later built a small frame house east of the Mortimore School. A younger sister, Lilly, was born in Jay County. The family attended the Christian Union Church.

The exciting Bryant oil boom was on as Dennis grew up. A Sunday afternoon pastime for boys of that time was climbing the many oil derricks. Dennis was to have an interest in pumping oil wells all his life.

Dennis married Hope Kraner in 1911. She was from Adams County, the daughter of John O. and Almira (Macklin) Kraner. Hope had the opportunity to attend the Geneva High School. Dennis and Hope had six children. The family operated a general farm. Like many in those days, they produced most of their food and fuel right on the farm. Hope kept up with the newest methods of canning and preserving in order to keep a nice variety of food on the table the year round. Such self-sufficiency kept everyone busy winter and summer, but there was still time for enjoyment. Relatives and neighbors visited back and forth a lot then, and entire days would be spent together at harvest and butchering times. Dennis operated a threshing machine in the late 1930's and early 1940's. He helped form the Jay County Rural Electric Membership Corporation, and was one of the first directors. The family was active in the Macklin Church. Hope died in 1945 at the age of 51.

Dennis later married Laura Fifer. Laura was known for her warm hospitality and her lovely decorated cakes. Dennis died in 1957. There are four children of Dennis and Hope surviving in 1982. Thelma Hinshaw lives in Knoxville, Ten-

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Frank (1912)

nessee, and Lester Frank and wife, Ada Marie, live in Berne, Indiana. The two living in Jay County are Dorothy Ritter and Leroy Frank. Dorothy is married to Everett Ritter, and they live on R.R. 1, Portland. Leroy and wife, Waneta, live on R.R. 4, Portland. Leroy is a farmer and an employee of CTS of Berne.

The Harry C. Frank Family

Harry C. Frank was born March 18, 1885 in Eaton, Ohio, the son of Wilson and Amy Puterbaugh Frank. He moved to Portland with his father, when the family built and operated the W. Frank and Sons Greenhouses in southwest Portland. On June 18, 1908 he married Alma Mary Harshman of near Eaton in Preble County, Ohio, who was born on August 15, 1881, the daughter of Samuel and Huldah Izor Harshman. They moved to a home on South Middle Street and later to South Western Avenue. They were the parents of one son, Ralph Eaton, born on April 7, 1909.

Harry was employed at the Sheller Manufacturing Company of Portland for many years and helped at the greenhouses part time. In 1923, the family moved to Fort Wayne, where Harry worked with the Gas Company. They stayed there until 1931, when they moved back to Portland and lived on West Seventh Street until 1956, when they built a new home at 102 West Twelfth Street. Harry helped at the greenhouses part time until he and his son, Ralph, sold their shares of the greenhouses and bought the Ray Elliott Farm Implement Company on North Meridian Street, Portland, in 1951. This firm was known as The Frank Implement Company. They operated this business until it was destroyed by fire in December 1958.

Harry and Alma were members of The First Presbyterian Church, where Harry served as elder for several terms. Harry died on November 13, 1959 and Alma lived alone until her death on April 18, 1979, at the age of 95 years. They are both buried at the Greenpark Cemetery in Portland. *Submitted by Verlyn Frank.*

The Ralph Frank Family

The members of the Ralph Frank family were always busy in the activities of the community. Ralph Eaton Frank, an only son of Harry C. and Alma Mary Harshman Frank, was born in Portland, Indiana, on April 7, 1909 and died suddenly on September 29, 1970. He attended school through the first eight grades in Portland. The family moved to Fort Wayne in 1923 and Ralph graduated from the South Side High School, in Fort Wayne, in 1927. He was an accomplished musician, having played the trombone and clarinet in the high school band and orchestra. He also played with the Symphony in Fort Wayne. After graduating from high school,he enrolled in the General Electric Apprentice School and graduated as an Electrical Tester.

He moved back to Portland in 1931, with his parents, and became a partner in the firm of W. Frank and Sons, Florists, where he stayed until he sold his partnership in 1951.

Ralph and Verlyn Genevieve Buckmaster were married October 18, 1933 by Dr. Hugh N. Ronald, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. They bought and remodeled the former home of Wilson Frank at 611 South Meridian Street, where they lived until 1956. They then purchased the Frank home on West Seventh Street, where Verlyn still resides.

Verlyn Buckmaster, the youngest daughter of Jesse A. and Harriet Brewster Buckmaster, was born in Jefferson Township, Adams County, Indiana, on August 21, 1906. She attended grade school at the Buckmaster School and high school in Adams County for three years. In 1923, the family moved to Portland and she graduated from the Portland High School in 1924. Verlyn attended Ball State College (now Ball State University) and taught school in the one room schools of Wayne Township, Jay County for ten years.

After her marriage, Verlyn helped in the greenhouses, part time, wherever extra help was needed in the busy season, grading roses, designing, sales, bookkeeping or among the plants in the greenhouses.

In 1951, Ralph sold his shares in the greenhouses and he and his father bought the Massey-Harris Farm Implement business in North Portland from Ray Elliott. It was a family venture, where all of the family helped, until it was completely destroyed by fire the day after Christmas in 1968. Ralph then went to work for The Justin Schafer Farm Implement Company. Because of the illness of a teacher at the Gov. I. P. Gray School, Verlyn was requested to finish the term. After finishing that term, she decided to return to Ball State, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education, in 1961. She taught one more year at Gray and then transferred to Portland Junior High School where she taught until she retired in 1972.

Ralph and Verlyn were active in the Presbyterian Church, where both were ordained as deacons and elders. Verlyn served as clerk of the session for four years. Ralph organized and directed the Church Orchestra for several years, and Verlyn was one of the violinists. She also served as a Church School teacher and president of the Women's Association.

Ralph was a member of Jay Lodge #87 F & AM and the Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne, and the Portland Lions Club. Verlyn and Ralph both belonged to Chapter #91, Order of the Eastern Star and served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. They helped to organize Friendship Shrine #31, of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and were elected as the First Worthy High Priestess and Watchman of Shepherds. The entire family were interested and worked for the Boy Scouts of America.

Verlyn also belongs to the Jay County Historical Society; American Association of University Women; the National, Indiana and Jay County Retired Teachers Associations; and Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an honorary teachers organizations, in which she will serve as president for the next two years. She a Past Guardian of Bethel 66 of Job's Daughters and is a volunteer for the American Cancer Association.

Ralph and Verlyn were the parents of three sons: Ralph Eugene was born August 9, 1934 and is married to Mary Lou Zimmerman of Noble Township of Jay County. He is with the Sherwood Printing, Inc. of Elk Grove Village, Illinois; Robert Verlin was born August 1, 1936 and is married to June Ellen Sheller of Portland, and is Controller of Super Foods Services of Dayton, Ohio; Richard Buckmaster Frank, born November 24, 1940, is married to Patricia Ann Uhrick of Portland and is times study engineer for Portland Forge of Portland.

There are nine grandchildren. They are Timothy and his wife, Barbara, and Linda Frank of Elk Grove Village, Illinois; Bret of Middletown, Ohio, Bruce of University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, Betsy, Brad, Brian and Belinda of Eaton, Ohio and Scott of Portland. *Submitted by Verlyn Frank.*

The Richard B. Frank Family

Richard Buckmaster Frank, the youngest son of Ralph E. and Verlyn Buckmaster Frank, was born November 24, 1940, in Portland, Indiana. He and Patricia Ann Uhrick, the daughter of Clarence and Eunice Corle Uhrick, were married on December 3, 1961, by Richard Chase, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Portland. Patricia was born June 3, 1942 in Portland. They are the parents of one son, Scott Andrew, who was born on September 24, 1962, in Portland. They received their education in the Portland schools and Richard attended Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. They, all three, are active members of the First Presbyterian Church of Portland.

Richard was a newsboy in Portland, a member of Troop 201 of the Boy Scouts of America, and a member of DeMolay. He received the God and Country Award in Scouting from the Presbyterian Church. He traveled with the Scout Train to the National Jamboree at the Irving Ranch in California in 1953. Richard was active with the Jaycees of Portland, the region and the state. He was elected as a National Director of the Jaycees. He is a member of Jay Lodge #87, F. & A.M. Pat is a member of the Gamma Nu Sorority. She has attended seminars in visual training and is a vision therapist. She is associated with Dr. Mary Ruth Winebrenner of Muncie in visual training. Richard is times study engineer at the Teledyne Portland Forge in Portland and Scott is a member of Portland Jaycees and is employed at Hook's Drugs. *Submitted by Verlyn Frank.*

W. Frank and Sons Greenhouses

Wilson Frank was born June 6, 1850 at Eaton, Ohio, to David and Rachel Dwire Frank. He had two sisters, Clara Ann and Volara. Wilson was married to Amy Puterbaugh on September 10, 1878, by the Reverand William Coulter, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of five children: Herman R., born September 13, 1880 and Charles L., born September 16, 1882 at Greenville, Ohio. Harry C., born March 18, 1885; Elizabeth I. (Bess), born March 20, 1887 and Edith E., born January 5, 1891 at Eaton, Ohio.

Amy Frank, the mother, died at her home near Eaton, Ohio, from a concussion of the spinal cord, twelve hours after falling from a load of hay, on October 31, 1894. Wilson later married Regina Kester, and they brought their family to Portland to live. They lived at 611 South Meridian Street, where the Sunoco Service Station now stands.

Wilson's dream was to raise flowers, especially roses, so the family worked together and the Frank's Greenhouses were built on a triangular shaped land between Blaine Pike and South Western Avenue, in the southwest part of Portland, in the early 1900's. They started on a small scale but added to their business until there were seven large greenhouses. The business was truly a family venture, for the father and all five children worked with him in building this large establishment.

Office and greenhouses of Frank Flowers, Inc.

The problems in an endeavor of this kind were many. The temperature had to be controlled, maintenance of the glasshouses was a big task, enemies of the plants, insects and diseases were a continual threat, efficient help was necessary, for the plants needed lots of attention, these were only a few of the problems with which they had to contend, and it kept the entire family on their toes constantly.

During the "big" snow storm of 1918, when coal was unattainable because of the war, it was necessary to fire the boilers with wood, and lots of it. They hired extra manpower and with a "mud boat" (sled) and a team of horses they traveled to Greene Township where firewood was available. With saws and axes and a lot of muscles they kept the greenhouses warm so the plants would not freeze. The heavy snow on the glasses would not only break the glass but it kept the sun, which is necessary for growth, from the plants; so the snow had to be removed, too.

In the late 1920's, Herman and his wife, Amelia, with their six sons and three daughters moved to Columbis City, Indiana, and built a large greenhouse there. The father, mother, one daughter, Evelyn and two sons, Marcus and Wilson have died, but the remainder of the family have one of the finest greenhouses in Indiana yet. One son, Marion, is in the florist wholesale business in Fort Wayne. Roses, carnations and orchids are the speciality of the Columbia City Frank's.

Charles Frank was an expert grower of beautiful roses and his roses took first prize at many rose shows. Frank's roses were known all over the eastern part of the United States. While the local retail sales were important and much appreciated, the main part of their business was wholesale. The flowers were shipped to Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and other large cities and to many retail flower stores. Frank's Flowers were members of FTD (Flowers Transworld Delivery) and flowers were sent all over the world via FTD. It was not unusual for the employees to work most of the night for special holidays, such as Easter, Memorial Day, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day and Christmas to get the work done on time. They also created beautiful floral pieces for funerals and other occasions. For years, many hundreds of urns were filled with blooming plants for graves. Besides flowers for cut flowers, they also grew bedding plants and most plants usually found in greenhouses. In later years they built a large "cloth" house on the east side of Western Avenue in which they grew all varities of chrysanthemums, which were also shipped far and near, too, along with local sales.

After Herman moved away, some of the other members of the family left, too. Harry and his family moved to Fort Wayne, but he did not always work in the greenhouses. Elizabeth married Alex Sawyer, a floral salesman, and they bought a flower shop in Lima, Ohio, and later moved to Clinton, Indiana, where they operated a flower shop. Edith married Clynas Flesher and moved on a farm in Jackson, Township, northwest of Portland. Edith stayed with the greenhouse until her death in 1934. The Flesher family, consisting of Robert, Virginia Neuenschwander and Betty Schwartz were part of the organization until it was closed. Charles, retired from the work and moved to Florida, where he lived until his death.

Ralph Frank, son of Harry, moved back from Fort Wayne in 1931 and he became a partner, where he remained until 1951. Don Frank, son of Charles, became the grower. They were assisted by many dedicated employees in the work. The firm was incorporated later and became known as Frank's Flowers, Inc. A retail store was operated on East Main Street in Portland in later years. It is now known as The Flower Nook and owned by John Janak.

With the many problems arising from the aging buildings, the Frank families scattering and many other difficulties, it was necessary to close the doors of the Frank's Flowers in 1965. Many people felt that they had lost their best friend for they had depended on the Frank's Flowers for so many years. But seems that all things must end sometime and this time it was the greenhouses. Many hearts were cheered and many lives were touched by the beautiful arrangements created by Frank's Flowers.

Don Frank, the last Frank in the business, is employed by the Eli Lily Company of Indianapolis and lives in Boca Eatan, Florida. *Submitted by Verlyn Frank.*

Freeman

The first of our ancestors in America was Zopher Freeman, born in England in 1727. He came to New Jersey in 1745. The first record of the name was in the County of Surrey, England, in the 12th century. On Sept. 19, 1817, four families started from Morristown, N.J. for the state of Ohio. One of the families was John and Hannah (Brandt) Freeman and their six children. They settled in Madisonville, Ohio where their seventh child, Israel, was born Mar. 5, 1818. Israel married Sarah Jane Ward who was born Mar. 21, 1821 in Union County, Ind. They were married Oct. 4, 1843 in the family home two miles southeast of Liberty, Ind. Israel became a Master Mason in 1854 and was active the rest of his life.

They had ten children; five girls and five boys. The fourth oldest was Alfred Freeman. He married Mary Eleanor Coombs on Feb. 28, 1878 and engaged in a grocery at Billingsville, Ind., then later in the lumber business in Liberty, Ind.

In 1890 they moved to Indianapolis where Alfred worked as a carpenter in the Big Four Shops.

In 1903 they moved to their own farm near Portland in Jay Co. He built the barn which still stands straight as ever. The farm has been known as the Raymond Longerbone farm and is North of Blaine to church, then West, the first farm on the North side.

They had four children: Ralph Edward, Frank Clifford, Fred Coombs, and Florabelle.

Frank Clifford (Apr. 25, 1883-Feb. 9, 1952) was married to Alice Idona Byrd (Oct. 10, 1890-Dec. 18, 1979). *Submitted by Orville Freeman.*

Freeman

Alice Idona Byrd (Oct. 10, 1890-Dec. 17, 1979) and Frank Clifford Freeman (Apr. 25, 1882-Feb. 9, 1952), married Oct. 18, 1908 in Springfield, Ohio. To this union were born three children: Ralph Edward (Dec. 11, 1909-Dec. 23, 1909); Orville LeRoy (June 10, 1911-); and Ruby Mae (May 24, 1916-). Dec. 14, 1933, Orville L. married Iris M. Baldwin.

To this union seven children were born: Thomas Edward (Mar. 18, 1937) married March 8, 1957 to Ruth Ann Weaver (July 3, 1937). Five children: Thomas Edward II (Aug. 18, 1957), Tracy Lee (Aug. 18, 1958), Renee Alene (Nov. 6, 1960), Andrea Serene (Dec. 3, 1962), and Mercedier Anjanette (Nov. 29, 1970). Thomas II married Lenette Hardowicz on Sept. 20, 1981 in Chicago, Ill.

William LeRoy (Oct. 7, 1940) married Mary Virginia (Russell) Fitts (Aug. 18, 1943) on June 24, 1967. Three children: Nicholas Paul (July 4, 1963), Wyndham Russell (Sept. 24, 1968) and William McGeath (Sept. 17, 1971).

John Carl (Oct. 10, 1942) married Anita Rae Weimer (Nov. 7, 1941) on Dec. 29, 1962. Two children: Sandra Michelle (Dec. 4, 1967) and Scott Anthony (Mar. 5, 1970).

Joseph Frank (Aug. 8, 1944) married Bonita Kay Farris (May 2, 1947) on May 20, 1967. Two daughters: Shannon Dee (Nov. 3, 1967) and Jamie Jo (Dec. 15, 1976).

Karen Marie (Dec. 22, 1947) married Joseph Allen Mong (Nov. 13, 1943) on Dec. 30, 1967. Patrick Joel (Jan. 1, 1969). Kelle Ann Marie (Dec. 21, 1971) and Amanda Alisha Marie (July 17, 1979).

Susan Jane (Feb. 1, 1951) married Mark Edward Fitzpatrick (Apr. 14, 1954) on Aug. 1, 1971. Three children: Tessy Elizabeth (Aug. 4, 1972), Daniel Christopher Johannes (Oct. 2, 1973), and Simon James (Nov. 7, 1975).

Jack Clifford (Nov. 5, 1952) married Marla June Menchhofer on Mar. 2, 1975. Two daughters: Tansy Marie (Mar. 27, 1978) and Clare Elizabeth (Feb. 25, 1981).

Iris M. and Orville still live at Blaine, Jay Co., Indiana.

Ruby Mae married Spencer Morgan Whittington (Aug. 14, 1912-May 13, 1972) on April 18, 1936 in Frostproof, Fla. Eight children were born: Spencer Clifford (May 16, 1937), James Howard (Oct. 10, 1938), Alice Louise (Sept. 28, 1939), Billy Jean (June 30, 1941-June 30, 1941), Catherine Jane (Jan. 9, 1943), Lewis George (Aug. 20, 1944), Paul David (Nov. 3, 1945) and Richard Dale (July 26, 1953). *Submitted by Orville Freeman.*

George S. Freemyer

George S. Freemyer was born on his father's farm in Washington County, Ohio, April 23, 1849 and was a son of Joseph L. and Mary (Elder) Freemyer. He came with his parents to Jay County, Indiana in 1850. He was married, at the age of twenty-four, to Elizabeth Jones and they extablished their home on a farm in Noble Township and lived there their entire lives.

They were the parents of two children, Flora Myrtle and Charles. Charles died in infancy and Mrs. Freemyer shortly thereafter. Following her death, Mr. Freemyer married Johanna Prouty of Wells County, Indiana.

Flora Myrtle Freemyer married Charles Gagle and they had four children: Arthur, Shirley Opal, Harold and Edith.

A foster son, Fremont Barber, was raised in the George S. Freemyer home.

George S. Freemyer, his wife, Elizabeth, their son, Charles, daughter, Flora Myrtle (Freemyer) Gagle Snyder and members of the Jones family are buried west of the west driveway of Green Mount Cemetery about a mile west of Fort Recovery, Ohio.

A history of the parents of Mr. Freemyer (Joseph L. and Mary (Elder) Freemyer) along with a family picture can be found elsewhere in this book.

Ray L. Freemyer

Ray Leo Freemyer was the son of William F. Freemyer (born 1-12-1864, died 3-3-1912) and Justina Catherine (Jetter) Freemyer (born 8-17-1866, died 7-18-1928). He had a twin sister, Mae Cleo (Freemyer) Davis, also a sister, Nora Pearl (Freemyer) Hinkle and a brother, Floyd Arthur Freemyer.

All four children were born in the same house in which Ray and Ina's youngest daughter and son-in-law (Alberta and Bob Beeks) now live, in Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana.

Ray attended school at Chapel #2 and Lotz School No. 1, in Madison Township, Jay County. After attending school for eight years he helped his father in the gravel pit and on the farm.

On December 24, 1917, a double wedding was performed by Rev. Fred Stovenhour at the parsonage in Portland, Indiana. Ina Fay Leonhard married Ray Leo Freemyer, and her brother, Orville Leonhard married Osa Zorn.

Ina was the youngest daughter of Christian (Chris) Leonhard, (born 1-4-1864, died 3-13-1946) and Sarah (Haley) Leonhard (born 4-17-1867, died 1900). Ina was born in Jackson Township, Jay County. In 1903 Chris and his children moved to Noble Township. Ina attended school at Mt. Zion and Metzner school, Noble Township. She helped with the housework until her marriage.

Ina was born April 17, 1897. She had three brothers and three sisters: Merle Leonhard; Della (Leonhard) Gagle; Grace (Leonhard) Phillips; Hazel (Leonhard) Hutchens; Orville Leonhard and William Leonhard. Her two sisters, Della and Grace are residing at the Community Care Center in Portland, Indiana.

Ina and Ray lived one year in Fort Recovery, Ohio before moving to the farm of his parents in Noble Township. He helped farm and worked in the Freemyer gravel pit.

They are the parents of two daughters, Roberta Lucille (Freemyer) Lyons (born 10-1-1920) who married Bob E. Lyons (born 8-16-1921, died 4-27-1980), and Alberta June (Freemyer) Beeks (born 6-1-1927), who married Robert H. Beeks, (born 12-30-1925).

In 1929 they purchased and moved to the next farm west, in Noble Township and continued farming.

In 1938 Ray started working for the Jay County R.E.M.C. His job was acquiring rights-of-way from farmers prior to the installation of poles and electric lines for electricity in the rural areas of Jay, Randolph and Adams counties.

They were members of the Salamonia Reformed Church which is now the United Church of Christ in Salamonia, Indiana. Ray was chorister, leader, and elder of the church, a member of the 3 V's of Salamonia and he belongs to the Masonic Lodge #539, Fort Recovery, Ohio. Ina was also active in the church and was a member of the Noble Township Home Ec. Club.

Ina passed away April 19, 1951.

On May 8, 1954, Ray married Bernice O. (Loyer) Pyle (born 1-20-1897) of Bryant, Indiana. Bernice was married to Jesse R. Pyle for 34 years before his death. They had two daughters, Olive Pauline Pyle who married Joseph Gierhart, Bryant, Indiana, and Wanda Marceil Pyle who married Gordon Wendland.

Mr. and Mrs. Freemyer are both active in the Westchester Church, Bearcreek Township, Jay County. She belongs to the Bearcreek Home Ec. Club. *Submitted by Alberta Beeks.*

William F. Freemyer

William F. Freemyer (born 1-12-1864, died 3-3-1912) and Justina "Tena" Catherine Jetter (born 8-17-1866, died 7-18-1928) were the parents of four children, namely: Nora Pearl Freemyer; Floyd Arthur Freemyer; twins, Mae Cleo Freemyer and Ray Leo Freemyer.

Nora Pearl Freemyer (born 2-22-1885, died 10-22-1951) married Ervin Perry Victor Hinkle (born 1885, died 10-25-1955). They were the parents of four children: Ramonda, William, and twins, Elvin and Melvin Hinkle. Ramonda married John Iliff and had twins, Robert and Richard (Robert was killed in an accident at age 16), also daughter, Mrs. Rex (Kay Iliff) Coulter and son, Don Iliff. William Hinkle married Rose Owen and they had two sons, William and Max. Elvin married Joanne Holcroft and their children are Brent and Belinda. Melvin, (born 5-7-1925, died 12-24-81) married Wanda Groves and their children are Greg Hinkle and Pam Hinkle Dennin.

Floyd Arthur Freemyer, (born 5-30-1890, died 6-19-1965) married Alta L. Leonhard (born 9-9-1890, died 5-24-1977)(the daughter of Jacob Leonhard) and their three children are: Glenn, who married Doris Haruff, their son being Dennis. Onalea who married Howard Berry, their children being Tom and Jane. And, Robert Freemyer, unmarried.

Mae Cleo Freemyer (born 9-13-1895, died 1920) married John R. Davis (born 3-1-1894, died 4-8-1970). Their children are Bob C. who married Esther Sanders, their children being James and Barry. Madonna married Fred Alexander and they have Sonya, Lynn, Ann, Tom and Allen.

Ray Leo Freemyer (born 9-13-1895) married Ina Fay Leonhard (born 4-17-1897, died 4-20-1951), the daughter of Christian and Sarah (Haley) Leonhard. (Mr. Freemyer later married Bernice O. (Loyer) Pyle, born 1-20-1897). The children of Ray Leo and Ina Fay (Leonhard) Freemyer are Roberta Lucille who married Bob E. Lyons and Alberta June whose husband is Robert Beeks. (See the historical sketch of Ray L. and Ina Freemyer for further information).

All four of the children of William F. and Justina (Jetter) Freemyer were born in the same house in which their granddaughter, Alberta (Freemyer) Beeks, now lives. This house was joined to another in which Mr. Freemyer's parents, Joseph L. and Mary (Elder) Freemyer, had lived, in

Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana, which was known as the Joe Freemyer "home place".

In 1907 Mr. and Mrs. William F. Freemyer moved to Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana, on what was known as the old "Stone farm" along the west side of the Indiana-Ohio state line. The family operated The Freemyer gravel pit from which much of the gravel base for many of the county roads was taken. There were as many as 18 teams of horses used in the hand loading out of gravel, all at one time. The family also farmed and raised livestock. Housewife, Mrs. Freemyer "Tena", cooked the meals for the several men who worked in the gravel pit.

William F. and Justina (Jetter) Freemyer are buried along the east driveway of Springhill Cemetery, Fort Recovery, Ohio.

The Fudge Family

The Fudge name made its debut in Jay County around 1890 coming from Randolph County.

Four children were born to Joseph and Rosana Lousch Fudge. Joseph dying at an early age and leaving a wife and four children: Rickie Fudge Beard, Emma Belle Fudge Schemenaur, Joe Fudge, Jr., and David L. Fudge.

David L. Fudge being the one to further propagate the Fudge name in Jay County. David Fudge was born October 7, 1886 and died July 4, 1962. After the death of his father, Joseph Fudge, young David came to live with his grandmother, north of Pittsburg, Indiana in Jay County, where he attended Number 9 school. Later his mother married Soloman Kunkle, residing east of Salamonia, having spent the remainder of his earlier years in the vicinity of the Chapel School in Salamonia. He was married in 1909 to Ora E. Grile, daughter of John M. and Anna Grile of Noble Township in Jay County. His family consisted of four children who still live in the vicinity of Portland, Indiana: Dorotha L. Fudge married Harry Theurer. After his death in 1971 she married Mardy Logan in 1975; Alvin E. Fudge married Ethel L. Bailey who resides in Noble Township; Erma M. Fudge married Russell Stein who resides in Portland; and Florence I. Fudge married Mark Wiley who resides in Noble Township.

David Fudge lived in Wabash Township, Wayne Township and Noble Township. In 1933, having been a prominent farmer his entire life, he was appointed, along with his wife, to serve as superintendent and matron of the Jay County Infirmary known today as the Jay County Retirement Center, a job which he held for ten years. During World War II, being unable to obtain help, he returned to his home in Noble Township to spend the remainder of his days, dying at the age of 75 years and 9 months.

Fudge Family
Standing: Alvin, Dorotha, Florence and Erma. Seated: David and Ora.

The Fudge ancestorship orginated in England, part of the Fudge family having migrated into Germany. Before the Revolutionary War, four Fudge brothers left Germany to build a new home life in America. One becoming ill, died and was buried at sea, one settled in Pennsylvania, one in Ohio and one in Indiana, to which came the Fudge existence to Jay County.

From the decendents of the four children of David L. and Ora Fudge are ten grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and a few great great grandchildren as of this writing December 26, 1981, but none to carry on the Fudge name.

David Fudge and his wife, Ora, are resting in the Salamonia Cemetery in Jay County, Indiana. Ora Fudge passed away November 17, 1969 at the age of 83. *Submitted by Diane Wiley Coldren.*

The Garber Family

Dr. Jonathan B. Garber was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, July 31, 1856, where he grew up on a farm and attended the district schools, laying the foundation of his future education. He attended Dennison University to prepare himself for teaching, a profession he followed for 13 years, including a period of time teaching at Ohio Normal School.

In 1879 Jonathan married Alma Hartley, former pupil and daughter of a Union Officer killed in the Civil War. This union produced three children: Nellie, Erwin Cleveland (named after a renowned Baptist preacher of the day) and Daisy.

In 1886 Jonathan began the study of medicine, graduating from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia in 1890. In 1891 he began his practice of medicine in Maineville, Ohio. After a short period there he spent a year taking a special medical course at Tulane University in New Orleans. His family joined him for the final six months where they lived in a "flat" on Charles Street. They returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, after completion of the course, traveling by river boat which was a common mode of transportation at the time. They told of enjoying visits with local people at the various stops along the way.

In early 1892 Dr. Garber brought his family to Dunkirk to establish his practice. Dunkirk was beginning to attract many people for residents due to the gas boom and the fact that the town was located along the Pennsylvania Railroad line running between Columbus, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois. Their first home was on Angle Street and soon after Dr. Garber purchased the home which still stands on the southwest corner of Jay and Main Streets. The permanent office was built in 1900 and continued to be the medical office of a Garber doctor for over 80 years. This building is on South Main Street and is presently the H & R Block Office.

Of course the children attended school in Dunkirk, graduating from Dunkirk High School. They attended the

First Baptist Church-were "pillars" of the church, both parents and daughters teaching Sunday School Classes as well as engaging in other programs. The family was also active in social and civic clubs and projects.

During his boyhood, Erwin's first paying job was lighting the old carbon lights in Dunkirk at the rate of 25¢ per day. He and his sister, Nellie, graduated from Dunkirk High School, two of a class of five in 1901.

After graduating Erwin started his medical training, attending Ohio Medical School which later became a part of Ohio State University. He was proud to say he was on the football team in those days. He received his medical degree in 1905 and proceeded to intern for a year at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio. While in Dayton he frequently went to the Wright Brothers Bicycle Shop for his bicycle repairs. These same Wright Brothers were to become famous with their invention of the flying machine.

Completing his internship in 1906, Dr. Erwin joined his father in the dual practice of medicine in Dunkirk. These were horse and buggy doctors, horse and sleigh in the winter as were their comtemporaries. Many miles were driven to make country calls. They told of country people who when they found out by listening in on their party line telephones that the doctor was about to make a call out that way, called the doctor to "please bring a loaf of bread" to them or some such. Dr. Jonathan at one time rigged up a communication line to his office by throwing a wire over the telephone line in the country to find out if he had other calls to make out in the same direction. It took all day or all night to make a trip to Trenton. When the Telephone Company learned he was making these calls they put an end to it. Dr. Garber would have been happy to pay for such an arrangement had the Phone Company seen fit to let him do so and they would have been the richer for it.

In those days electricity was available only during the night, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The Drs. Garber remained in dual practice until Dr. Jonathan's untimely death in October 1913 due to the first automobile fatality in Blackford County. He was now using an Overland car in his practice and was on his way to see a patient in Hartford City. At the east edge of Hartford along what is now State Road 26 he pulled his car too far to the right to allow a hay wagon to pass. The Overland flipped over, pinning him underneath and causing his death three days later in the Hartford Hotel which had been somewhat turned into a hospital facility to care for him.

His death was a tragic loss to Dunkirk and environs and also the medical community in which he was held in highest esteem. He was active in the Jay County Medical Society and was at one time vice president of the Indiana State Medical Association. He was also president of the Eighth District Medical Society. As a member of the American Medical Association he presented a paper at an Atlanta meeting one year in which he advocated the non-use of alcohol in the treatment of disease which was widely discussed. Further, a statement at the time of his death read "he was known to spread sunshine not only to the sick but everywhere he went".

Dr. Erwin continued to carry on the practice of medicine in the office following his father's death. He had married in 1907, a third grade Dunkirk teacher and they had three children: J. Neill, Eleanor Jane and Elizabeth. Their home was located on West Pleasant Street. His wife's maiden name was Ella Mae O'Neill.

July 29, 1971—The Garber family of Dunkirk was honored in the Glass Days parade Wednesday. Shown above are Miss Eleanor Jane Garber (left), and her sister, Dr. Elizabeth Tate. Dr. Tate is the third generation of Garber physicians to practice in Dunkirk. Their brother, Dr. J. Neill Garber, Indianapolis, was parade marshal. Their father was Dr. E. C. Garber, and their grandfather was Dr. J. B. Garber. Shown in the above photo is the roll-top desk in the office, where it has been since the Garber building was erected about 1900.

Erwin was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church, being a trustee there. He was a member of the Dunkirk masonic Lodge, a 32nd Degree Mason of Ft. Wayne, a member of the American State and Jay County Medical Societies. He served as coroner several times as had his father, he was City Health Officer in Dunkirk for 41 years and Pennsylvania Railroad Surgeon for 46 years. He had also served in the Army Medical Corps in World War I.

Ella Mae Garber was an active member of the First Methodist Church, Dunkirk, as were the three children. She was active in social and community activities as was Dr. Garber and for 16 years she was Secretary of the Dunkirk School Board, setting up the bookkeeping system at the time.

Dr. Erwin practiced mepdicine for 51 years until his death in May 1957 and was honored for these years of service by the Indiana State Medical Association and by the Jay County Chamber of Commerce at their Achievement Banquet in 1955.

All three Garber children graduated from Indiana University following Dunkirk High School graduation: J. Neill and Elizabeth from Medical School in 1932 and 1939, respectively, and Eleanor Jane from the School of Education in 1932.

All three also served in the Army during World War II, the two doctors overseas where they met and married their future spouses who were also serving in the Armed Forces.

Dr. J. Neill became an Orthopaedic Surgeon practicing in Indianapolis but for a very brief period during his father's absence attending a medical convention during the early 1930's he covered Dr. Erwin's practice.

Dr. Elizabeth Garber Tate came home in 1955 with her husband (retired Canadian Army Officer) and two children, Elizabeth and Conrad Neill to help her father in the office during his final years. Following his death in 1957 she carried on in solo practice until illness overtook her in May 1972 and she was forced to retire from medical practice.

During Dr. Elizabeth's busy years she and her family were members of the now Mt. Tabor Methodist Church in Dunkirk and participated in social and civic affairs. She was a member of the Jay County, Indiana State and American Medical Associations. Was also active in the 8th District Medical Society, the Blackford and Delaware County Medical Society and the Indiana Academy of Family Practice. She kept up her medical education by attending the meetings and courses offered by those various organizations.

Thurs the medical practice started by her grandfather in 1892, continued by her father for 51 years and carried out in the latter years by Elizabeth covered a period of over 80 years.

Charles Ward Garrett

Louella May Priest, daughter of Newton Priest and Aurie Leora Stults Priest of Greene Twp., was married to Charles Ward Garrett, son of Ulys C. Garrett and Sarah A. Paxson of Penn Twp., on Mar. 20, 1918. They were married at the home of her parents, Louella May Priest, born Mar. 29, 1889, died Mar. 1, 1958 and Charles Ward Garrett, born Aug. 15, 1885, died June 1, 1959. Charles Garrett graduated from Pennville High School and attended Indiana Central college for one year. Charles and Louella farmed and raised dairy cattle. They were both active members of the Gilead United Brethern Church near Balbec.

Always an active member of the Republican party, Charles Garrett served for approximately six years as trustee of Penn Twp., starting in 1942. Prior to this office, he was a member of the advisory board of Penn Twp.

There were three sons born to Charles and Louella Garrett.

Carl W. Garrett was born March 15, 1919. Carl served in the United States Navy during World War II. His wife is Mary Alice Orr from Chicago. Their children are James Charles of Penn., Carole Elizabeth of Calif., Patrick Allen of California, and Lisa at home. Carl is retired from Dana Corp. and is currently residing in Florida.

Charles Raymond Garrett was born Aug. 7, 1922. He graduated from Pennville High Sch. and attended Taylor Univ. for three years. After serving in the Army Signal Corp. for three years during World War II, he graduated from Ball State Teachers College. He has been a math teacher in Pennville, Union Center of Wells Co., and is now teaching at Elmhurst of Fort Wayne. Raymond Garrett married Bertha Brittingham of Gibson Co., Ind. on Oct. 25, 1947. They reside in Allen County. Their children are: Paul B., of Calif.; Joseph B., of South Bend, Ind.; David B., of Shreveport, La.; and Karen Ann Garrett, a student at Butler University in Indianapolis.

Robert Ward Garrett was born June 1, 1927. He graduated from Pennville High School. He was in the Navy 18 months during World War II. Upon returning from the Navy, he graduated from Ball State Teachers College. He taught mathematics for seven years and then went with Ball Corporation in Muncie, Ind. He married Jeane Bartlett of Muncie February 10, 1951. They reside in Muncie, Ind. Their children are: Beth Ellen, born November 19, 1957, a student at Ball State University and Nancy Jean Garrett, born May 10, 1963, a student at Ball State University. *Submitted by Mrs. Raymond Garrett.*

Gaunt

Joseph Gaunt of Columbiana County, Ohio, moved to Jay County in 1837. He entered land, 160 acres in section 24 and 160 acres in section 26 of the northwest area of the county. Two years later, in March, he and A.C. Smith met with the county commissioners in Portland to name the township, Knox.

Joseph and his wife Phoebe (Severn) had four children: Redden, who was killed in the Civil War, Hannah, Jacob, and Elizabeth Ann.

Jacob, born February 1, 1827, married Melvina Bennett. He maintained the Knox Township farm, taught school in Greene Township and served as township clerk, treasurer, and trustee. Jacob and Melvina had nine children, six of who reached adulthood: David, Arthur, Charles, George, Harry, and Willard.

The first son of the family, born in Jay County, was David, born May 13, 1856. He married Martha Sophronia Hartman in 1880. Her father, Levi Hartman, came to Jay County in 1846. Levi married Jemina Shrack, born in 1831, who had come to Jay County in 1837 with her father William Shrack and her mother Margaret (Risk).

David and Martha lived on the family homestead. He had typhoid fever and was unable to farm. He rented out his land and made a living for his family by milking his cows and selling butter, cream and cottage cheese to residents of Dunkirk. With this income, he was able to send all of his children to college.

The children of David and Martha were: Joseph, Charles, Orlan, Floyd, Ora Myron, and Edith. Floyd and Myron moved to the Anderson area as adults, but Joseph, Charles, Orlan, and Edith remained in Jay County.

Joseph, born September 29, 1881, married Settie Inez Horn, born December 23, 1885. Both had grown up in Knox Township. Joseph was a member of the first graduating class of Eastern Indiana Normal University, now Ball State University, in 1900. He taught school in Knox Township and in Dunkirk before moving to Portland in 1913. In Portland, he was a teacher and later principle of both Garfield and Judge Haynes Schools. Retiring from Judge Haynes, he was able to spend more time at his beloved cottage at Douglas Lake, Michigan. During his years in Portland, Joseph was an active member of the Asbury Methodist Church, singing in the choir until, as he said, his legs were too old to climb the steps. Many summers he worked in the County Court House on the Board of Review.

Joseph and Inez had three sons: Eugene, Harold, and Ernest. Joseph died in 1969; Inez died in 1973. Their sons

David Gaunt Family
Front: David, Edith and Martha. Back: Myron, Joseph, Charles, Orlan and Floyd.

grew up and were educated in Portland, married, and moved out of state.

Charles, the second son of David and Martha, was born September 1, 1883. He was graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1902. He attended Marion Normal School and became a teacher. He taught school in Knox Township and Dunkirk and became principal of the Dunkirk school. In 1909, he resigned this position to become bookkeeper for the Indiana Glass Company. He later became treasurer, vice-president, and finally, president in 1931. Active in the Dunkirk community, he was a coucilman, was mayor from 1922-1930, spent four terms on the school board, donated the land for the Dunkirk Scout Cabin, and dedicated time and money to the Plymouth Congregational Church.

Charles married Bertha Wilson of Grant County, September 1, 1906. They had one daughter, Treva Louise (see Caldwell). They also raised Donnamae, a distant cousin of Bertha, who later married Carleton Hart and moved from the county. Charles died in 1958. Bertha died in 1969.

Orlan graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1907, taught in the Dunkirk schools after attending Mraion Normal School and graduating from Eastern Indiana Normal University. Resigning his teaching position in 1914, he became bookkeeper for the Indiana Glass Company. in later years, he served as paymaster and treasurer for the company. He had a heart attack in Florida in 1952 and retired in 1954.

He married Ruth Weybright, March 16, 1912. Their children were Russell and Burmond. Russell married Maxine Holdcroft of Blackford County. Burmond married Gretchen Hopman. Orlan, Russell, and Burmond spent many years at Indiana Glass. Russell left the company and moved to Indianapolis, later retiring to Clearwater, Florida. Burmond left Dunkirk for retirement near Bloomington, Indiana.

Of the children of Russell, Suzanne married Carl LaRue Hartman in 1965. They and their children: Scott, Connie, Rae Jean, Harriet, and Jimmie are still in the county.

Edith Gaunt, daughter of David and Martha, was born July 15, 1902. Graduating from Dunkirk High School and Teachers College of Indianapolis, Edith spent her life as a dedicated teacher in the Dunkirk elementary schools. After retiring in 1967, she has continued to do substitute teaching and maintains a close relationship with the many descendants of David C. and Martha S. Gaunt.

Freddie Geesaman Family

Freddie Eldon (Fred) Geesaman was born August 11, 1898 in Green Twp., Jay County, In. on the family farm near the Walnut Corner Church. He was the son of Noah Edward and Anna Elizabeth Binegar Geesaman. There were two brothers and four sisters: Clarence Oliver, b. 3-23-1891; Hazel Cordelia, b. 2-18-1894, d. 11-3-1894; Inez Gwendolyn, b. 11-30-1896, d. 8-14-1897; Freddie Eldon above, d. 10-2-1970; James Lester, b. 3-9-1902, d. 1981; Edith Esther (Valentine), b. 3-9-1902 (twins), d. 3-30-1967; and Elsie Lucile (Ashcraft), b. 6-26-1908, still living.

Fred was married to Mae Violet (Hudson) September 6, 1918, and they moved to Dunkirk, In. where Fred was

The Geesamans at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration in September of 1968. Fred and Mae are third and fourth from the right in the second row. The rest are children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

employed at Indiana Glass Co. He became a very talented glass worker over the years. He also worked on bicycles, in his shop and sold radios also. In 1928 they purchased a farm in Knox Twp. where he and his wife moved with their family, and he lived there until his death. Fred and Violet are parents of eight children. Seven boys and one girl: Kenneth E., b. 7-14-1919, married Mary R. Curtis on September 30, 1939. They are the parents of three children, Marlene, Larry and Pamela; Harley E., b. 11-28-1921, married Marjorie Nuckols. They are parents of four children, Joni, Benita, Diana, and David. His first wife died 6-22-59, and a few years later he married Alta M. Holland. They had no children; Harold L., b. 9-14-1927, married E. Jean Young 8-1-1947, and were parents of two girls, Ruth and Sheila; Kermit R., b. 9-28-1929, married Martha E. Cash 12-4-1948, and to this union were born six children: Connie S., Troy L., Ralph L., Earl L., Kermit R. Jr. (Richard), and Timothy W.

Noah G., b. 2-22-1932, married Vivian B. (Bonnie) Reading 9-26-1952. They have four children. Dennis (stillborn), Dorcus A., Glee A., and Delee; Ralph L., b. 9-28-1933, married Sandra J. Craig 12-31-1952. They have Randy, Deborah, twins Ed and Ted and Cinda; Glen E. is a bachelor and lives on the family farm with his mother. He purchased the farm, after his father's death; Barbara Lee, b. 8-9-1941, married Donn H. Lea (pronounced Lay) 2-2-1964. They have two daughters, Anna and Anita.

The main lifestyle of the Geesamans are carpenters, farmers, and skilled laborers of different kinds. They are known for their sincere ways and honesty. Kermit is a minister of the Full Gospel, at the First Assembly of God Church. *Submitted by Kermit and Martha Geesaman.*

Albert Raymond Geeting

Albert Raymond Geeting was a well-known farmer and landowner of Madison Township as well as custodian for many years at the Madison Township Consolidated School. Mr. Geeting was born on January 11, 1886 to William W. and Tracie (Hummel) Geeting (both natives of Preble County, Ohio). William W. Geeting was a former assessor of Madison Township as well as a farmer and landowner. Albert was the oldest of seven children, the others are: Ona, Nora, Charles, Clyde, Eva, and Anna. Albert was married to Nora Elizabeth Kuder on May 23, 1907. they belonged to the Grace Reformed Church in Pittsburgh. For many years they resided on Mail Route 6 out of Portland with their four children: Verna, Ralph, Robert, and Mary Jo. All of the children married and settled in Anderson, Indiana. Verna Mellvana married Bernice Merle Whitesel on February 25, 1928, born to them was Phyllis Joan (d. 10-17-65) who married Max Mills, they have one son, Michael Ivan. Ralph William married Mary Matilda May (d. 11-18-80) on June 1, 1935, born to them was Shirley Ann, who married Arlyn Engbrecht. They have three sons: Philip Howard, Kirk Allan, and Brett Wayne; also, born but died at birth was Adola May. Robert Richard (d. 4-6-67) married Ruby Fern May (sister to Mary May) on January 28, 1940, born to them were three daughters: Janet May, who married James Olive, they have two children, Michelle Renee and Kenneth Robert; Wanda Kay married Thomas Danner, they have one daughter, Jennifer Grace; Debra Sue married Michael Waitman, they have one daughter, Angela Sue. Mary Josephine married Merle Leroy Bosworth (d. 5-30-69) on August 12, 1942. Nora Geeting died on April 30, 1970 at their home and Albert passed away on October 27, 1977 in a nursing home in Winchester, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geeting

William Gettinger

I, William Reid Gettinger, and wife Pauline K. Huey have lived in Jay County most of our lives. I am the son of Arlo Dale Gettinger and Mabel Audrey Jessup, and Pauline's parents were Edward Gerald Huey and Esther Blanche Ford.

My forebearers came to America from St. Gallen, Switzerland. The ancestor being John Gittinger who settled with his wife Catherine in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, in the late 1760's. Mr. Gittinger provided a living for his family in farming. He served as a private altogether more than six years in the Revolutionary War. He and his wife had eight children, one of them being Jacob Gittinger who was born in 1769.

Jacob and his wife Elizabeth Schaefer had ten children. Mr. Gittinger was a blacksmith, farmer, and also a hotel keeper on the pike from Hanover to Baltimore, Maryland. One of their sons was Jacob Gittinger who was born March 25, 1785, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Jacob was married to Mary Deal in 1807. This Mr. Gittinger was a wagonmaker and blacksmith. Jacob and Mary had ten children. They left Maryland and moved to Ohio in 1835 tarrying a while in Darke County before settling in Randolph County, Indiana, in 1838 in Jackson Township. Mr. Gittinger was an ensign in the Lighthorse Guards in the War of 1812. One of Jacob and Mary's children was William Penn Gettinger.

William Penn was born March 13, 1831, in Baltimore County, Maryland. He and Mary Catherine Berkheimer were married September 6, 1855. He was a farmer, also. They had eight children including two sets of twins. Their only son to survive to adulthood being Benjamin Franklin Gettinger who was born March 7, 1870, in Jay County, Indiana, near North Salem.

Benjamin and Mary Reynolds were married December 25,

1896. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1946. Mary and Ben had nine offspring. Mr. Gettinger was also a farmer with land holdings in Madison Township, Jay County. One of their sons was Arlo Dale, who was born January 2, 1900.

Arlo attended school to the eighth grade in Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana. He was a farmer and building mover. Mr. Gettinger married Mabel Jessup in 1923. They had seven children, four girls and three boys. They lived on a farm in Wayne Township for a number of years. Mr. Gettinger was my father.

I am currently employed at Fisher Body Division of General Motors in Marion, Indiana, as a toolmaker. My wife works as a supervisor for the Jay Garment Company, in Portland, Indiana. I attended elementary school at Swamp Hollow, Wayne Township. I graduated from Portland High School. I am a veteran of World War II. My wife graduated from Bryant High School.

We currently live in Bryant. Our daughter Darlene Kay lives in South Bend, Indiana, and teaches at Concord High School in Elkhart, Indiana. Our other daughter Cheryl Lynn (Dunst) lives in Marlton, New Jersey, with husband Karl and their daughters Alicia, Natalie, and Kristin.

Pauline and I are members of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland. We are both active in fraternal organizations and enjoy traveling and other hobbies. *Submitted by William R. Gettinger.*

The Harold Gillett Family

Harold A. Gillett was born June 17, 1917 at College Corner, Wayne Township, Jay County, Ind., the son of Albert and Eva (LaFollette) Gillett.

On Feb. 16, 1940 Harold married Ruth D. Degler, the daughter of Albert and Birdie (Mangas) Degler. Ruth was born April 1, 1920 in Greene Township, Jay Co. They left Indiana for a time while Harold served in the Army Air Force, serving for three years and three months in Denver, Colorado and Iwo Jima. While they were in Denver, a daughter Linda was born to them on October 7, 1943. In 1945 Ruth and daughter returned to Portland, Ind. Harold returned on Nov. 27, 1945. On October 8, 1947, a son, James A. was born, daughter Vickie E. arrived on Thanksgiving day, November 24, 1955.

Harold followed his father in the construction industry. Ruth is a housewife and sewing counsular. Linda and her daughter, Susan LaRue now live in Franklin, Tenn. where Linda is a medical technologist. Jim lives near Greenfield, In. with his wife (Pamela Baughman) and sons Bradley, 11, and Brian, 8. Jim is employed by Bell Labs in Indianapolis as a phone designer. He graduated from ITT, and served two years in the Army, one year of that was in Viet Nam. Vickie is a graduate of Parkview School of Nursing and is now a registered nurse, employed with an orthopaedic surgeon in Fort Wayne and is married to John S. Arford. *Submitted by Ruth Gillett.*

Front: Linda, Ruth, Brian, Brad and Harold. Back; Susan, Pam, Jim, John and Vickie.

Gilpin

William Gilpin and wife, Bertha, have lived in Portland nearly 30 years. William was the son of Samuel Ray and Anna Logan Gilpin. His great grandfather, Samuel Stamper Gilpin and his wife, Rebecca, moved to Adams County, Indiana from Tuscarwas Co., Ohio, in 1863. They were the parents of 11 children. Later they moved to Jay County and settled on the farm north of Portland where the stockyards are now located.

William's grandfather, William Pinckney Gilpin, was born in Harrison Co., Ohio. He married Margaret Jane Ray of Adams County and took over the family farm. They had four children, who all moved away except Ray. He and his wife, Anna, lived on the home farm, where William was born, until 1956.

Bertha was a native of Adams County, Indiana, a daughter of John J. and Catherine Mazelin Schwartz. She was the youngest of seven children and was of Swiss descent. She attended school in Adams County and graduated from Berne High School. Later she worked as bookkeeper and clerical worker at various offices in Berne, Fort Wayne and Portland.

William attended Swamp Hollow grade school and graduated from Portland High School. Presently he is Wayne Township Assessor, which position he has held for 16 years. Formerly he owned and operated Gilpin Kleen Air Service, a heating service, for 20 years.

The Gilpins have one daughter, Kay, who attended Portland schools and graduated from Portland High School and Ball State University. She is married to Carl Locker and they reside on a farm on Route 2, Portland, with their three children, Scott, Sara and Sue. Kay and Carl are both in the teaching profession.

The Gilpin family belongs to the Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland and are active in church activities. William is a member of the Portland Kiwanis Club, Portland IOOF and Rebekah Lodges. He is also a member of the Indiana Assessors Association and is presently serving on the State Board. Bertha is an active member of the Wesleyan Circle of the United Methodist Women, the Portland Rebekah Lodge and the Jay County Hospital Auxiliary. *Submitted by William Gilpin.*

Gimble

Rett Judy was born March 27, 1871 in Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana, the fourth child born to Godfrey and Mary Ann (Brindle) Judy. Her name has many variant spellings being Elmeretta, Almaretta, Retta or Rett on many local papers found in the courthouses in Jay and Randolph Counties, Indiana. Her family called her Rett. Several dates have been recorded as her birth date but she is listed in the Jay County census of 1880 as being 9 years old.

Rett's first husband was William Barr whom she married November 28, 1886 in Jay County, Indiana. William Barr was born in Deerfield, Randolph County, Indiana. William Barr died the 9th of May 1898 and was buried at Bluff Point, Jay County, Indiana. There were no children from this marriage.

Rett Barr moved to Blackford County, Licking Township, Hartford City soon after the death of her husband. She was employed as a cook for Nelson J. Rose who ran the local hotel in Hartford City. She met Peter Gimble who was born February 1874, in Indiana of German descent. Peter Gimble's occupation in Hartford City was that of a blacksmith. Rett married Peter Gimble September 16, 1900, in Union City, Indiana. Rett and Peter Gimble lived in Saratoga, Indiana until they moved on a farm.

Rett owned many antiques and at her death many of the antiques were given to her brothers and sisters. Her brother Forest has a set of chairs that is still in the family's possession today.

Rett died December 2, 1921, aged 51 years, 8 months and 27 days. Peter Gimble moved to Union City after her death and ran a blacksmith shop there until his death in 1964. They are buried in the Lisbon Cemetery near Union City, Indiana.

There were no children from either marriage, but her nieces and nephews visited her frequently.

Rett's ancestry has been traced to the Brindle and Unger families who were of German descent and immigrants while United States was under English rule. Her Mangold and Judy ancestry has been traced to Switzerland with immigrants coming to the U.S. as early as 1816 and as late as 1843.

Glentzer

Darrel and Ora Catherine (Hough) Glentzer were married August 20, 1932. Darrel's father was Winfield Scott Glentzer and his mother was Edith Marie (Liggett) Glentzer. Darrel's grandparents were Monroe and Rosie (Brogan) Glentzer and Joseph and Phoebe (North) Liggett.

Ora's parents were Benjamin Orville and Elva Maude (Bollenbaugher) Hough. Ora's grandparents were Wilson Nichols and Mary Elizabeth (Whiteman) Hough and Adam and Aura (Meyer) Bollenbaugher.

Darrel's family consists of one brother and five sisters. His brother, Roy Glentzer, lives at Rochester, Indiana. His sisters are: Mary Bechdolt (Mrs. Royce), Ft. Wayne; Treva Teele (Mrs. Clyde), deceased; Marie Spahr, (Mrs. Clyde), deceased; June Grogg (Mrs. Alfred), Bryant; and Donna Hunt (Mrs. Ward), Portland.

Ora's family is one brother, Paul Hough (deceased) and four sisters: Doris Runyon (Mrs. Melvon), Bryant; Pearl Lybarger (Mrs. Lee), Geneva; Mary Gillespie (Mrs. Richard), Geneva; and Alda Ruth Able (Mrs. Kenneth), Union City, Indiana.

Darrel and Ora have lived their married life in the city of Portland and have resided at 936 W. Main St. for forty-six years. Darrel worked at Frank's Greenhouse for 13 years and Portland Forge for 3 years. He then worked for 40 years as a mechanic for different garages in Portland.

Darrel and Ora have five children: Cletes Rines (Mrs. John) R.R.#6 Portland. She had one year at Ball State College and is now working at First National Bank in Portland. She has seven children: Stewart, Scott, Catherine, Corienne, Susan and Stanley.

Their second daughter is Corenne McKinley (Mrs. Roger), San Jose, California. She also attended Ball State College for one year. Her children are: Roger Jr., Timothy, Tamara and Tina.

Their oldest son is Michael Glentzer who married Barbara McClung. He spent four years in the Air Force and is a mill wright at International Harvester at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Their two daughters are Gail and Angela Glentzer.

Another son is Tod Glentzer who married Virginia Hiatt. He went to Purdue University for five years and graduated with two degrees. He also spent two years with the Peace Corps in Nepal. He is a design engineer at Delco Remy at Kokomo, In. They have two sons, John and Joel.

Bradley Glentzer married Deborah Duke. He graduated from Ball State University and works in Portland at Portland Motor Parts. *Submitted by Mrs. Darrel Glentzer.*

Glentzer

John Glentzer was married to Anna Margaretta Hummerin on Dec. 14, 1784 by Pastor Wm. Bous, German Reform Church, Reading, Pa. He is believed to be the son of John Glentzer who arrived in the United States Oct. 5, 1763, on Ship Richmond, Capt. Chas. Young, of which 86 persons qualified. Amoungest them was Johannas Heinrich Glasener, after oath of office last named spelled Glentzer.

Four children were born to John and Anna Margaretta, Eliza, who married Samuel Hill, date unknown; Catherine, who married Adam Lutz, April 30, 1805; John and Marie Magdalina, of whom nothing is known. These are the proved children. According to his will he lived in Cumru Twp., Berks Co., Pa. (I give and divise unto Samuel Hill (intermarried to my daughter, Eliza both) and to his heirs and assigns, all my lands and tenements and real and personal property which I may have and claim thereto—on condition that he the said Samuel Hill, his heirs and assigns shall and sufficiently provide for the support and maintenance in sickness and in health for myself and my beloved wife, Margaret, during our natural lives and after my decease continue to furnish and provide all necessaries and comforts of life for my said wife during her natural life and after my decease that the said Samuel Hill, his heirs and assigns pay out of said real estate and personal estate in one year, three pounds to my dau. Catherine, her heirs or assigns; in two years the further sum of three pounds unto my said son John Glentzer, his heirs or assigns, and the further sum of three pounds in three years unto my dau. Marie Magdalina, her heirs or assigns which said sum as aforesaid when paid shall be in full for their respective shares in full out of my estate, etc.) Samuel Hill to be executor. Signed the fourth day of April, one-thousand, eight-hundred and twenty-five. Will was probated March 3, 1838.

He served in Berks Co. Militia, 6th Battalion, Capt. Michall Furrier's Co. Private, Capt. John Shaefer's 6th Battalion, Berks Co. Militia, in the Rev. War.

John A. Glentzer was born Nov. 4, 1793 in Berks Co., Pa. (from the Schwartzwalt German Reform Church Record, Lancaster Co., Pa.) He was the 3rd son of John Glentzer soldier. He was first married to Mary Hill, probably in Pa. Nothing is known about her. They had five children: Augustus, Elizabeth, Mary M., Catherine and Ellen. The children signed quit claim deeds after his death. At that time they all lived in Ohio. In 1839 he was listed as a Deacon in Old Warner Church, German Reformed Lutheran. This church is outside of East Ringgold, Pickaway Co., Ohio. The church has long been abandoned. It is a small brick building and behind it a terribly "over-grown" cemetery.

His second marriage, probably in Ohio, was to Nancy Ann Hott, dau. of Martin Dager. She was born in 1784 in Miami Co., Ohio. At the time of their marriage she had six children: Benjamine, Levi, Philip, Maria, Sopha and Conrad Hott. John A. and Nancy Ann had five children: Ann, born in Ohio in 1830. She married Stephen Lorendul Wilson, in Jay Co., Ind. June 17, 1849. To this union was born one son, Fremont. She died Jan. 12, 1865, and her husband in 1909. Both are buried in the Montgomery or Tullis Cemetery. Jay Co., Ind.

John Andrew Jefferson was born in Ohio Sept. 23, 1832 and died Mar. 21, 1909 in Kansas. He was first married to Charlotte Noll, Sept. 18, 1853. She was born June 27, 1837 in Ohio and died Aug. 18, 1872, age 35 years, 1 month and 22 days, in Jay Co. and buried in Limberlost Cemetery. To this union were born: Mary Rebecca Ann, born Feb. 16, 1855, married Joseph Alben Rader, Nov. 25, 1851. She died Jan. 6, 1877, and is buried in Limberlost Cemetery; Samuel, born 1857; Mary Euphenia, born 1858, married Wm. Chapman, Mar. 28, 1877 in New Mexico. She died 1923 in Kansas; Isabelle Debby, born 1861, married John H. Plotner of Kansas. She died in 1938 in New Mexico; Ulysses S. Grant, born 1863, married Rosa________, died Dec. 12, 1940; Charlotte Elizabeth, born 1864, married Thomas Bigmore Plotner, and she died 1938 in Ka.; Johny T., born 1867, died Aug. 25, 1868, one year, twenty-three days, and is buried in Limberlost Cemetery; Augustus, born 1869, married Pearl________, died 1939 in Ka.; infant son, b. 1872 and died Aug. 17, 1872, age two months, nine days. Buried in same coffin with his mother. All of the children were born in Jay Co. After the death of his wife he took his children and moved to Ka. He married next Anna________, born 1843, died Nov. 12, 1888 in Thayer, Ka. To this union were born five children: Robert A. who never married, and died June 28, 1961 in Ka.; Nancy who married a Paddock; Corda, born Sept. 1879 and married a Remmell; Martha, born Jan. 8, 1879 and died Oct. 23, 1895; Abraham, born July 6, 1882 and died Dec. 25, 1905 in Ka. After the death of his second wife he married Lucia________ and was divorced and had no issue.

Abraham Washington Glentzer was born Feb. 14, 1834 in Pickaway Co., Ohio, and died in 1883 in Jay Co., Ind. He was married to Elizabeth Whiteman Oct. 14, 1855, and she was born Aug. 24, 1832, in Pickaway Co., Ohio. She was the daughter of James, (born Pa.) and Mary North, (born Va.). To this union was born Andrew Jefferson, born Nov. 9, 1856, and died May 18, 1929. He married Mary E. Judy, Feb. 27, 1879; Lorinda, born Feb. 14, 1858, died June 19, 1892. She married Melvin Bruce Gierhart Jan. 27, 1878; James Monroe, born Dec. 15, 1859 and died 1860; John William, born April 5, 1861, died Aug. 8, 1862; Elnora, born March 8, 1863, died Oct. 14, 1885. She married Lewis Plank July 25, 1880; Washington Lafayette, born Feb. 16, 1867, died May 1, 1888. He was in the service and never married; George B. McClellan, born March 5, 1865 and died May 24, 1886. He also was in the service and never married; Mary Nancy Ann, born April 17, 1869 and died Dec. 26, 1891. She married Calvin Bartlett; Sarah Ann, born Feb. 12, 1871 and died Sept. 15, 1885; Madison Augustas, born Nov. 25, 1873 and died Oct. 1890. He was in the service and never married; Jane, died an infant. The three brothers went to the service together along with a neighbor boy. Those serving in the service came home and then the children began to die with what was then called "Quick Consumption". Those serving in the service had brought it home with them. Abraham's second wife was Susan S. McKinney.

Madison Aaron Glentzer, was born April 7, 1836 in Walnut Twp., Pickaway Co., Ohio. He died in 1927 in Jay Co. He was first married to Nancy A. Wheeler, May 3, 1857 in Jay Co. She was the daughter of James and Nancy (Patterson) Wheeler, he was born in Maryland and she in Ky. To this union were born eight children: Zipporah, James, John M., Dora, Matthew A., J. T., Cora B. and Edwin. The wife died in 1883. He then married Mary Nichols, born Clark Co., Ohio, the daughter of John and Mary (Centers) Nichols, natives of Va. She died in 1896. There were no children by this marriage. He then married Martha E. Bergman, dau. of George and Sarah (Kessler) Bergman. George, born in Ohio and Sarah in Ind. To this union was born three daughters: Sarah Etta, Daisy Ruth and Reba Joy.

Madison was a prominent doctor of medicine for many years in Bryant and was also an elder of the Church of Christ east of Bryant on Hwy. #67.

Monroe Jefferson, was born Feb. 16, 1838 in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, and died May 22, 1919 in Jay Co. He served as a private in Company "H", 48th Regt. Indiana Infantry, in the Civil War.

He was first married April 6, 1862 in Jay Co. to Harriet Whiteman, dau. of James and Mary (North) Whiteman. To this union was born: Mary Ellen, born March 30, 1963, died 1943. She was married to Isaac T. Sibery, June 15, 1882; Naomi, born Oct. 16, 1866, died April 8, 1954. She was married to James Hoover Aug. 1, 1889; James Monroe, born Sept. 9, 1869, died Oct. 27, 1958. He married Hattie V. Snyder, Dec. 2, 1896; David W., born April 5, 1871, died Jan. 6, 1950. He married Elizabeth Young, Aug. 21, 1897; Amy Nancy Ann, born May 2, 1873, died March 9, 1956, and she was never married; Hattie, born April 14, 1876, died July 22, 1876. Monroe's first wife died July 22, 1876. He then married Rosa (Brogan Hubbard, born Aug. 2, 1849 in Boston and she died April 27, 1911. To this union was born Sophrina Edith, born Feb. 23, 1879, died Oct. 29, 1941 in LaGrange Co. Ind. She was married to Delbert A. Houser Sept. 4, 1897; Winfield Scott, born Oct. 1, 1881, died Dec. 23, 1973. He married Edith Liggett, Dec. 18, 1907; Jefferson Aaron, born May 25, 1884, died July 8, 1963. He married Hattie Tullis Nov. 28, 1907. *Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. B. Gordon Glentzer.*

Glentzer

David W. Glentzer was born in Jay Co., Ind. April 5, 1871, the son of Monroe Jefferson and Harriet (Whiteman) Glentzer. He died Jan. 6, 1950. He was married to Elizabeth (Lizzie) Young Aug. 21, 1897. She was born in Jay Co. Sept. 15, 1880 and died Jan. 1, 1946. Mr. Glentzer's ancestors are found elsewhere in this book. Mrs. Glentzer's parents were Henry Young, born April 11, 1846 in Sutx U. W. France. He died April 23, 1916 in Jay Co. He married Anna Huey March 19, 1878 in Jay Co. She died April 9, 1916. Mrs.

Glentzer's family are also found elsewhere in this book.

Mr. and Mrs. Glentzer were the parents of six children: Orval Ernest, born Jan. 29, 1888 and died Aug. 9, 1968 in Ft. Wayne. He was married to Orda Dawn Logan, and they had one daughter, Coleen; infant son born and died Aug. 27, 1900; Estie Irene, born March 15, 1902 and died March 3, 1971. She was married to Vernie Snyder and they had one son, Max; Anna Ruth, born May 30, 1905, died May 9, 1971. She was first married to Ray Orr and had three daughters, Jean, Rosemary and Joan. She was married second to Jesse Ashcraft, Sr.; David Robert, born June 5, 1915, died Oct. 24, 1971. He was a veteran of W.W. II, Tec. 5, 206 Mil. Police Co. He was on the Portland City Police Department for 21 years until his death. He was first married to Madonna Huey and had two daughters, Ronni and Rita Lee. His second marriage was to Georgie Hazelwood and they had two sons, David and William. He then married Patricia Joy (Fitzpatrick) Frogge. No children by this issue; B. Gordon, born Oct. 26, 1921, married Peggy Dunn of Geneva, Adams Co., Ind., Jan. 31, 1942 in Jay Co., Ind. He was also a veteran of W.W. II.

Mr. and Mrs. Glentzer lived all their lives on a farm until ill health caused Mr. Glentzer to retire. They then moved into Bryant where they lived the rest of their lives. They were active members their entire lives in the Limberlost Church of Christ, Bryant. Both are buried in the Limberlost Cemetery. *Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. B. Gordon Glentzer.*

The Wilson Glentzer Family

The Glentzer family came to Berks Co., Pennsylvania from Bavaria, Germany, later moving to Pickaway County, Ohio. Wilson's great grandfather, John Glentzer, bought land in Bearcreek Twp. in 1837. In 1840 he bought his family into the wilderness which was inhabited principally by Indians and wild animals. Wilson's grandfather, Abraham, was only six years old when he moved with his family to Bearcreek Twp. Wilson's father, Andrew J. married Mary Judy whose ancesters were from Switzerland. Abbie Lucinda Lee was the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Court) Lee whose family came to Jackson Twp. from Spencerville, Ohio.

Wilson and Abbie were married Dec. 21, 1908 and spent their working years as farmers in Bearcreek, Greene and Jackson Townships. This union was blessed with ten children. Twin sons died shortly after birth in 1914. The eight survivng children were graduated from Poling High School, Jackson Township. After 65 years of marriage, Abbie died less than two hours after Wilson on July 12, 1974.

Lee G. Glentzer was born Sept. 27, 1910. After spending 42 years in education in Indiana (from one-room school to superintendent) he retired to a farm just north of Portland. He married Mildred Gilbert and they were the parents of Janet Kay (1944) and William Andrew (1945). Mildred died in 1951. He later married Martha Stuckey who died in 1981. Jan is married to R. J. Jameson, M.D. of Muncie and has two daughters, Michelle Lee and Ellen Renee. Bill has a doctorate from Ball State and is superintendent of schools in Johnson Co., Indiana. He is married to Dona Disotell and they have two children, William Andrew and Abbie Suzanne.

Frances Nelle Glentzer was born July 10, 1912. She is married to Truman (Bud) Pensinger. They are now retired from farming in Penn Twp. They are the parents of Marilyn Sue and Dick Leroy. Sue has been a teacher and is married to Ross Lawrence, D.D.S., LaPorte, In. They have two children, David and Amy.

Andrew and
Mary Glentzer

Dick is married to Emily Potter and has a son, Richard, Dick is with General Electric in Wilmington, N.C.

Mary Elizabeth is married to Ambrose (Hank) Newhouse. They live in Jackson Twp. Their children are Joyce and Jill. Joyce and her husband, Raymond Horn, have a dairy farm in Jackson Twp. Joyce is also a school teacher. Their sons are Jeffery and Gregory. Jill married Steven Ritchie. They and their children, Jennifer and Spencer, live on their farm in Jackson Twp.

Doris Jane and her husband, Waldo Calhoun, live in Marion, In. Waldo works for Chrysler in Kokomo. Their children are Terry, James, Thomas, Walda and Wanda. Terry lives on their farm in Pike Twp. with his wife, Helen. They have two grown sons, Michael and Timothy. Jim and Donna live in Galveston, In. with their daughter, Peggy. Tom and Shirley and sons, Matthew and Donald, live near Kansas City, Mo. Walda married William Mundy and lives near Nashville, Tennessee. Their two children are Paula and Alexander. Wanda is married to Terry Stepler. They and their children, Derek and Amy, live near Marion, Indiana.

George Andrew Glentzer married Mildred Stuber. They live on their farm in Greene Twp. and both are teachers in the Jay School system. They have two children. Lucinda Lee (Cindy) is married to George Wolverton, M.D. They and their daughter, Laura Elizabeth, live near Los Angeles, Ca. George Andrew, Jr. (Andy) and his wife, Lynn, live on their farm in Greene Twp. Both are school teachers.

Joe B. Glentzer and his wife, Ethelyn, are Greene Twp. farmers. Their daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, (Meg) is a student at Ball State.

Bonnie Marie and her husband, Larry Gillespie, are turkey farmers in Pike Twp. Their daughter, Tara, is a conservation officer in Indianapolis.

Norma Alice married Frederick Haffner. They live near Muncie where she is a school teacher and Fred works for Delco. They are the parents of three children: Carol, David and Beth. Carol is married to John Myers. Her son is Ryan Franklin. David and Jerrie live near Albany and have two daughters, Justine and Jessica. Beth married Peter Rompilla. They and thier son, Joshua, live in Williamstown, W. Virginia. *Submitted by Lee Glentzer.*

Glentzer

B. Gordon Glentzer, son of David W. and Elizabeth (Young) Glentzer, was born Oct. 26, 1921 in Jay Co., Ind. He graduated from Bryant High School. On Jan. 31, 1942 in Jay Co., he married Peggy Joan Dunn, born Jan. 7, 1924 in Geneva (Adams Co.) Ind., daughter of Frank and Madeline (Drew) Dunn. She was raised in the home of her grandparents, Thomas W. and Della (Buckingham) Drew. She graduated from Geneva High School.

B. Gordon served in the U.S. Air Force in W.W. II, leaving from Ft. Wayne, Ind. on Sept. 8, 1942. He graduated from Air Force Mechanics schools in Flint, Mich. and San Antonio, Texas. He was assigned to the 43rd Air Depot Repair Squadron. He was also stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico while in the U.S. He served in Europe in England, France and Germany. He was transfered to the 724th Air Material Squadron, and was discharged with the rank of sergeant on Jan. 9, 1946, from Camp Atterbury, Indianapolis, Ind. Peggy served in the U.S. Navy (WAVES).

In March 1946 he went to work as a mechanic for Harshman Motor Sales, Buick Garage, owned at that time by Herbert W. Harshman. He is still employed there as service manager and mechanic. The dealership is now owned by Veryl Lyons, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Harshman.

Mrs. Glentzer worked for the Jay County Hospital for two years. She then went to work as a dental assistant and lab technician for Dr. C. O. Richer for ten years and until his death. She worked for Dr. H. C. Richardson in the same capacity for eight years until his death. She was Jay County Deputy Recorder for seven years, under the Democrats. She then went to work for Jay-Portland Abstract Co. owned at that time by Mrs. Irene Lutes, for ten years. The business was sold to Coldren & Frantz, Attorneys-at-Law. She is manager and abstractor for the company at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Glentzer had one son, David Gordon, still born March 1943. They have one adopted daughter, Teresa Drew, born April 29, 1958.

They are members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Portland. Both are past members of the Parish Board having served for a number of years. Mr. Glentzer is also elector for the church having served for over twenty years. He is also a member of the Elks Lodge, V.F.W. Post, at Salamonia, and both are members of the American Legion, Robert Guy Ayres Post #211. Mrs. Glentzer has been active in the Democrat Party for many years. She is also an ardent genealogist. *Submitted by Peggy Glentzer.*

Jesse Gray

Jesse Gray was one of the most picturesque figures of the Mississinewa Country in the early days of settlement. He was an Indian fighter, one of the best hunters and a very skillful trapper. Deer hunting, bear killing, Indian shooting and such were events of his every day life as he moved through Wayne, Randolph and Jay Counties.

Jesse was born Sept. 9, 1789 in Newberry, South Carolina, son of John Gray of Maryland. His mother was a native of Ireland. Jesse married Sarah Stone, in 1808, the daughter of William Stone. In 1811, Jesse, Sarah and a brother-in-law set out for Indiana. Wives, children and all movables were brought upon horses equipped with packsaddles. They did not sleep under a roof, but enroute they stopped in Knox County, Kentucky and stayed with relatives as the Indians were not friendly and the War of 1812 was impending.

Jesse volunteered in the first Volunteer Company from Kentucky and was placed under the command of General Harrison at Cincinnatti. He served all over Northwestern Ohio.

After the war, they moved to Wayne County, Indiana, then Butler County, Ohio and in 1820 to the banks of the Mississinewa River in Randolph County. He considered this his happiest years.

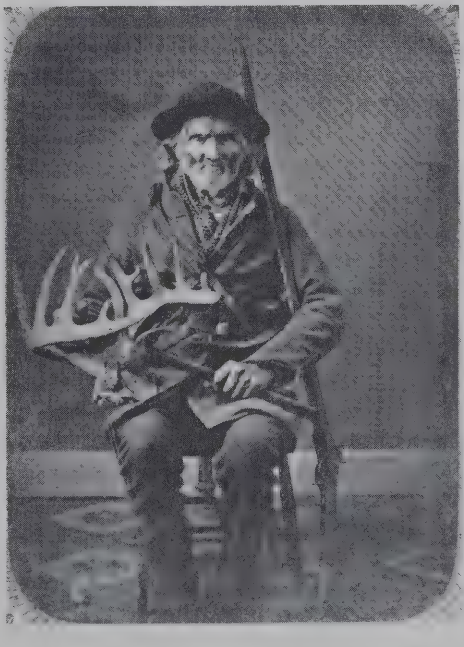
About 1824 Jesse Gray and Smith, a Mulatto, killed Fleming, an Indian, in the house of Lewallyn. Both were indicted in 1825 for this, so Jesse left the state and resided near Hill Grove, Ohio on a farm of 100 acres. No special pains were taken to find them since everybody was glad the "vicious Indian" was out of the way. Fleming had made attacks on some of the white people and was very much disliked both by the whites and the Indians.

In 1836, Jesse entered land near the Wells and Adams County lines in Jackson Township. At this time, the Methodist Episcopal Class was organized at a Mr. Marques house. This was the first religious organization and made up of ten members. Jesse Gray and his wife were two of those. The first temperence meeting was held at the same place in 1837.

His first wife, Sarah, died October 1841, at the age of 53 years. In 1842, Jesse married Sarah Bunch. He died August 18, 1871 near Camden and is buried in Old Hillcrest Cemetery. At the top of the marble marker is a carved hand pointing upward and above the hands are the words "Pioneer of Jay".

Jesse's children by Sarah Stone were: Hannah married Joseph Mason, Elizabeth married John Barnes, William married Bridget McKinsey, Mary, Amelia married Samuel Kile Williams, Jesse Jr. married Hezziah Swallou, Dorothy married Rev. James Metheney, John Wesley married Caroline Huey, Nelson, William T., John W., Minerva married John Kirkwood, and Nancy.

Jesse's children by Sarah Bunch were: Louisa, Joseph, Hezesakiah, and William. *Submitted by Audrey Kennedy.*



Jesse Gray

Tales of Jesse Gray

In the settlement along the Mississinewa by the whites, the Indians considered this an encroachment on their hunting grounds and became quarrelsome. When an Indian became too obnoxious or abusive and was considered dangerous, the few settlers would meet and discuss the matter. Soon, thereafter, Jess Gray would take one of his periodical hunts and that particular bad Indian would not be seen again.

After the death of the Indian Fleming, Indian Chief Pequannah sent word to Gray that he would be on his trail after him. After several months of hunting, on a hot September day, Jesse Gray concealed himself in a large spreading oak tree about a hundred yards from a spring. Several hours later he noticed a peculiar movement in the thicket. The Indian slowly approached the spring and finally laid down to drink with his hand clutching the gun. As he lay there, a clear, sharp crack of a rifle was heard—Pequannah did not arise.

At one time Jesse encountered an armed Indian, who was armed also, and by mutual agreement both fired off their rifles and started for the next town. They came to a creek where the Indian stooped down to drink. Jesse left the Indian at the creek. He was not seen again.

One morning Jesse went out to feed his hog, found the pen empty and bear tracks going to and from the pen. He packed food for three days and started on the hunt in a tracking snow. He kept the bear moving until midnight. He was up early next morning and did not allow the bear to rest. The bear went in a course on the Mississinewa back to the place he cached the hog. When they were within two miles of Gray's cabin on the second day, the bear laid down to rest and Jesse then killed him. He took off the animals hide, hung the carcass away from the wolves and went home exhausted. Later, he sent the meat by flatboat to a trader for $20 and sold the hide at Richmond for $10.

While he lived at Hill Grove, Ohio, he sold many furs and deerskins. On the records of the county commissioners, Jesse Gray is the most frequently mentioned as being awarded a bounty for wolf scalps.

One trick he played on the superstitious reds when they visited his camp, Jesse, while cooking the meal, would sit down by the boiling pot and mumble over some giberish and then tell them that all true friends could eat to their satisfaction, but if a treacherous enemy ate of the food it would make him very sick and that he could never have more luck with the gun. By these tricks and by invariably keeping faith with them, he made many true friends among them.

Many, many interesting tales could be told of this hunter and trapper. He could boast that for 60 years there was no year in which he did not kill one or more deer. He killed his first deer in Rockbridge County, Virginia when he was eleven and his last in Jay County when he was seventy-two. *Submitted by Audrey Kennedy.*

George W. Greaf

George W. Greaf, one of Pike Township's well known and respected farmers and landowners of rural mail route No. 6 out of Portland, was a native son of Jay County, where he lived all his life. Mr. Greaf was born on a farm in Pike Township on December 2, 1866, died November 18, 1945. He was the son of Christian and Elizabeth (Fry) Greaf, the latter whom was born in Basel, Switzerland. Christian Greaf was born in Frankfort, Germany and emigrated from Bonnheim in 1856 and arrived in the city of Philadelphia on July 11, 1856. He was nationalized in the U.S.A. He had served in Germany during the Crimean War and as a Civil War veteran as a subscription soldier for eight months. He was considered a soldier of fortune. Later he was married to Elizabeth Fry on April 12, 1857 at Fairfield County, Ohio. Coming to Union City, Indiana after their marriage for about two years, later coming to Pike Township where the greater part of their life was spent until his death. At his death, Elizabeth lived in the city of Portland until her death August 13, 1913.

On October 26, 1889, George W. Greaf was united in marriage to Filena Bickel, daughter of Nate and Lydia (Theurer) Bickel. To this union were born six children. Three sons, Russell, Forrest and Ray. Three daughters, Mabel (deceased), Mrs. Merle (Hazel) Kunkle and Mrs. Arlie (Zelpha) Sheffer, all residing in Jay County. *Submitted by Ray Greaf.*

Ray F. Greaf

Ray F. Greaf, a retired teacher and Prudential Insurance brokerage agent, is a native son of this county, a member of one of the county's pioneer families and has lived her most of his life. He was born on a farm in Pike Township March 1, 1905, the son of George W. and Filena (Bickel) Greaf. He graduated from Ball State University in 1964. Mr. Greaf is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Asbury Methodist Church. On December 21, 1929, he was united in marriage to Madonna Whitenack, and to that union two children were born, namely; Linda, living in Ft. Wayne, Ind. and teaching in Fort Wayne Community Schools and Hal Greaf, pharmacist of Sooper Drugs, (division of Dillion Co.) Denver, Colorado, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Greaf have a very pleasant home at Portland and take a proper part in community interest and betterment. *Submitted by Ray Greaf.*

The Green Family

In the 1808-1859 Records of Marriages in Preble County, Ohio, is listed David Davis Greens' marriage to Elizabeth (Sutton). David and Elizabeth Green were married August 27, 1818.

Their children are reported as: John, Amassa Ann (Wilson), Scott, Elizabeth (Titus), Maria (Thralls), Caroline (Clark), Emaline (Larsh), David Davis, Harvey Payton.

In the 1830 5th. U.S. Census, the Green family is recorded as living in Preble County, Ohio. In checking land records, around 1834 the Green family divested itself of their land and reportedly relocated in the Thorntown, Boone County, Indiana area.

Several graves of the children and their families were found in Thorntown Village, Indiana in what is referred to as "old Cemetery". Family history advises that David Davis and Elizabeth (Sutton) Green were buried West of Thorntown, exactly where is not known.

Harvey Payton Green, son of David and Elizabeth Green, married Mary (Rarick) on February 2, 1863.

Their children were: John, Eratus, Sarah E., Edward P., David D., James A., and Arthur Harvey.

The 1870 Census states that Harvey P. and Mary Green were residing North of Mount Pleasant, Jefferson

Township, Jay County, Indiana.

Mary's parents were John Rarick and Sarah (Metz). In the 1870 Census, Ohio is given as Johns' birth place. John died April 11, 1901 whereas Sarah died July 2, 1901. Both are buried in Reitenour Cemetery, Deerfield, Indiana.

Marys' grandparents were Phillip Rarick and Susannah (Mikesell or Miksel). Phillip Rarick is identified as being a Head of Families North Hampton County, Pennsylvania, in the 1790 U.S. Census. There were several families of Miksels listed as living in this same County of Pennsylvania in the 1790 Census. Phillip and Susannah migrated into Darke County, Ohio by-way of Pennsylvania between 1790 and 1818. Phillip saw service in the War of 1812. Phillip received a Land Patent dated May 20, 1825 which involved property described as; six miles West of Greenville, Washington Township, Ohio. Phillip died in August 1846 and is reported as being buried in the Sharpeye Cemetery. Susannah died January 30, 1853 and is reported as being buried in Reitenour Cemetery, Randolph County, Indiana.

Arthur Harvey, son of Harvey and Mary Green, married Sarah Jane (Burnet) on February 13, 1908.

Their children: John Harold m. Alma (Beech), Helen Marie m. George DeHoff, Rhoda Iowa m. Harry Toland, Dorthy Leona m. Harry Schemenaur, Charles Gerald m. Elda Glee (Money), Bertha Alyce m. Leomine DeHoff, Raymond Arlo m. Ardelle (Witt).

Sarahs' mother was Zilla (Burnet). Zilla is reported as coming from Hancock County, Ohio. In the 1907 Jay County Directory, Sarah was living as a ward of George Stullen.

Arthur was born June 28, 1882 and died August 11, 1941. Sarah was born January 2, 1891 and died July 27, 1941. They are buried together in Center Church Cemetery, Jay County, Indiana. *Submitted by David and Anita Green.*

Mathias Griesinger

Mathias Griesinger was born August 28, 1835 in the village of Gobrichen, Germany, in the state of Baden. The son of Karl and Christina (Hofsass) Griesinger, Mathias was a shoemaker by trade; a field particularly crowded in Germany at this time. He immigrated to the United States with his two brothers and sister in 1853. They arrived on a sailing vessel which had stalled for weeks in the ocean for lack of wind.

Mathias came by foot to Marion County, Ohio, where a large settlement of Germans lived (many of whom later migrated to Jay County). On December 26, 1857, he married 17 year old Anna Mary Heil of Marion. Mathias served as a private in Co. K. 174th Ohio Infantry during the Civil War, enlisting in September of 1864. He was involved in southern campaigns and on one occasion shook hands with President Abraham Lincoln. He suffered some deafness and a chronic back injury from his war service.

In April 1867, Mathias, his wife and their three surviving daughters traveled to Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana, where land was cheaper and more available. They settled on a 50 acre tract southwest of Salamonia, where six more children were born. The family became members of the St. James Lutheran Church near Salamonia.

Mathias worked as a shoemaker and farmer, but turned most of his farming duties over to his sons in later years. After his wife died in 1908, Mathias continued to live in the log house on the home place until his son Charles built a new house there for his family. Mathias then made his home with his youngest daughter, Adna Theurer (a mile down the road) until his death on January 7, 1926.

Mary Elizabeth, firstborn daughter of the Griesingers, died in infancy in Ohio. Emma (1861-194?) married Emil Wagner, a contractor and carpenter in the Ft. Recovery, Ohio area. Their children were Charles, Eda, Clarence, Ella and Harry. Anna (1864-1895) married Jacob Beard, a local farmer. They were the parents of two daughters, Leona and Dora. Catherine (1866-1951) married Jacob Theurer, a Salamonia area farmer. Carl, Hilda and Nora were their children. A half sister to Jacob Theurer, Mary Theurer, married (John) Frank (1868-1957), also a local farmer. Magdalena (Lanie), born in 1870, married Abialbon Peters of New Weston, Ohio. A farmer and well digger, the Peters family homesteaded in North Dakota, where the couple tragically died in 1911. Their children were Earl, Roy, Russell, Luella and Edith. Flora (1873-1901) died as a young woman of 28 of tuberculosis. Charles (1875-1949) was married to Minnie Abel and worked as a farmer and painter. Herman, Anna, Clarence and Florence were their children. Jacob, the third son, died as an infant in 1880. The youngest child, Adna, (1882-1972) married Charles Theurer, a farmer near Salamonia. Their children were Paul, Lena, Clarence, Walter and Harold. Today Paul and Lena still live on their home place, while Paul, Walter, and Harold farm together in the Salamonia area.

Lowell Paxson Grisell Family

On May 13, 1836, a Federal land-grant was issued to Joseph Grisell, consisting of 240 acres in section twenty-three (23) in Penn Township, Jay County, Indiana. This land is located 1¼ miles northeast of Camden, now known as Pennville, Indiana. Joseph came to Penn Township from Wilmington, Delaware.

Lowell Grisell, a great-grandson of Joseph, purchased an 80 acre tract of the original 240 acre land-grant, said 80 acres being the east half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-three in Penn Township.

In 1884, Lowell and Mary C. Davenport were married at Balbec, Indiana and three sons were born to them, James Lester, Russell Leslie and Lowell Hobart. Lowell Grisell died in 1930 and Mary C. died in 1936.

James Lester and Flora Beck were married in Mansfield, Ohio in 1918. There were three children, Julia Ann, Mary Emily and James L. There are 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. James Lester was appointed City Engineer of Portland, Indiana in 1918. He and Flora later moved to Greenfield, Indiana, where he served as an engineer for the Indiana State Highway Commission until his death in 1935.

Russell Leslie married Bessie Wentz at Hartford City, Indiana on December 25, 1911. There were two children born to them, Joseph T. and Gretchen K., who now holds title to the 80 acre tract of land in Penn Township purchased by Lowell Grisell. Russell was a graduate of Palmer School of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, and practiced in Pennville and Dunkirk for 50 years prior to his death in July 1976.

Lowell Hobart and Ivie Whitacre were married on June 2, 1923 in Paris, Illinois. While residing in Detroit, Michigan, he was a mechanical engineer for Kermath Marine Motors and later became president of that company. He also served as a mechanical engineer for Hercules Motors in Canton, Ohio. Upon retirement, he and Ivie moved to Florida where he died in February 1978. There were no children. Ivie is still residing in Florida.

Gretchen K. Grisell and Murray Hedges were married in Pennville in June 1936. They now reside in Goshen, Indiana. They are the parents of three boys, David, Robert and John, and are grandparents of seven grandchildren.

Joseph T. and Imogene Ruth were married in January 1937, in Pennville. They have one daughter, Vicki Lynn. Joseph was employed by the Portland Division of Sheller-Globe Corporation for 40 years before retiring and is now serving his fifth consecutive four year term as a member of the Portland City Council.

Vicki Lynn and Charles Tague were married in September 1967 in Portland. They are the parents of a daughter, Stephanie Michelle. Vicki served as Auditor of Jay County in 1971.

Joseph T. and his family are the only Grisells residing in Jay County as of this writing. *Submitted by Innogene Grisell.*

Alfred E. Grogg Family

Alfred Grogg was born on Jan. 25, 1916 to Jesse and Nora Robinson Grogg. He had three brothers, Virgil, Darrel, and Richard and one sister, Thelma.

On Feb. 26, 1939, he married Ruby June Glentzer, born June 16, 1921 to Winfield and Edith Liggett Glentzer. They established their first home four miles east of Bryant, In., and began raising their two sons, Fred and Howard.

They moved to Adams County, where their children, Letha, Eugene, Alice, Larry, Paul, Marilyn, Joseph, Ronald, and Joy were born. They lived on the farm, west of Geneva, for over 18 years while their children attended Hartford Center School. Alfred and his family farmed several acres and were active in both grain and livestock farming. The family became active members of the Bryant Weslyan Church, where they still attend.

In 1961, the family moved back to Jay Co., near Ridgeville, for a three year period, where the children attended Gray School.

Then in Dec. 1963, Alfred and June bought a farm one mile west of Bryant on Jay Co. Rd. 30. Their youngest daughter, Connie, was born a little over two years later.

As of this writing, the family status is as follows:

Alfred and June live on their farm west of Bryant with their daughter, Connie and Alfred's uncle, Charles Robinson (age 97 yrs.). Alfred is retired from farming, but assists his son, Joe, with his farming.

Frederick (Fred) married Henrietta Brunner June 16, 1962. They are both school teachers and live near Homer, Mi. They have three children, Marianne, a college freshman, Suzanne, and Brian.

Howard married Kathy Knisely Aug. 18, 1973. They are both teachers and live at Dayton, Ohio. They have four children, Renee, Gary, Anne, and Douglas.

Letha married Donald (Don) Lederman Aug. 5, 1967. They live near Spencerville, In. Letha is a nursing instructor while Don is a mortician and works at Zollner Corp. They have one son, Kerry.

Eugene (Gene) married Janice Kline July 14, 1967. Both are teachers. They live near Berne, In., where Janice operates her business selling upholstery fabrics. They have two children, Jeff and Janene. Gene teaches at South Adams High School.

Alice married M. Keith Clark June 10, 1967. Both are teachers and live at Tekonsha, Mi., where Keith is the principal at the elementary school. They have three sons, Chad, and the twins, Craig and Todd.

Larry married Julia Sailors April 6, 1974. They are both teachers and live near Decatur, In. They have three sons, Michael, Ryan and Nathan.

Paul married Carol Addington March 2, 1968. They live west of Bryant, In. and Paul works as a trained diesel mechanic. They have four sons, James, Daniel, Chris, and Steven.

Marilyn married Roger Rittenhouse June 19, 1971. Both attended Taylor University and now operate their own two pizza businesses in Indianapolis, In., where they live. They have two daughters, Amy and April.

Joseph (Joe) married Diana Herring Aug. 11, 1973. Both are teachers and live on a dairy farm west of Bryant, In., which they own and operate. They have a son, Jeremy.

Ronald (Ron) married Sherry Bright June 9, 1979. Both are teachers and live in Upland, In.

Joy married Robert (Bob) Bogart April 11, 1981. Joy is a teacher and Bob works for Hallmark Co. near their home in Kansas City, Mo.

Connie lives with her parents and is a sophomore at Jay Co. High School.

The family plans two annual events which all members plan to attend. One is a Labor Day week-end get-together with outdoor events. The second occasion is the Christmas get-together. When all members are present, the family count is forty-eight.

Alfred and June celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in February 1979 with an open house at the Bryant Weslyan Church Fellowship Hall.

Grunden

Edward Harlow Grunden was born April 7, 1876 in Van Wert, Ohio, a son of Joanna Collins and Cyrus Tymbrul Grunden. Edward worked in the onion fields as a small boy to help support the family. Cyrus was born Oct. 9, 1838, later serving in the Civil War receiving a wound in the knee by a cannon ball. The father of Cyrus came over from Germany around the turn of the century. Edward's mother, Joanna, was born Aug. 31, 1850. Cyrus and Joanna were married April 17, 1865, and had 11 children: Thomas M., Clarence C., Jackson Gilruth, Florence P., Edward Harlow, Pearlie Iona, Rosella, Bessie May, Leroy, Georgie G., and Hattie B.

Edward was married to Zelpha Mahalia Swygart, February 20, 1899 at Ohio City, Ohio. Zelpha was born July 28, 1880 at Decatur, Ind. to Nancy Ellen Peters and James Henery Swygart. Nancy Ellen Peters was born Nov. 2, 1859 to prosperous farmers. Her parents were Cynthia Ann Powell who was born in London, England and George Washington Peters, born in Scotland June 6, 1821. Cynthia and George were married in Scotland and came to the United States on their wedding trip, first living in Licking Co., Ohio.

Edward and Zelpha came to Portland, Ind. from Lima, Ohio on what they considered their wedding trip, in June of 1900. The trip took three weeks by buggy, traveling through

Edward H. Grunden and Zelpha M. Swygart Grunden
(taken at Portland, Indiana)

a forest all the way. They camped on the way sleeping in country school houses and in the forest. On arriving in Portland, there was a crowd on the court house steps listening to William Jennings Bryan, campaigning for Presidency of the United States on the Gold Standard. They lived in Portland for a while, then moving to Delaware Co., then Randolph Co., back to Jay Co., and finally settling in Redkey, Ind., living in a log cabin until it burned. The cabin was located one mile east and one mile south of Redkey. The cabin caught fire one morning about 7:00 in 1917. One daughter, Mary Ember, aged five, was burned critically when rescued by her mother. Edward put the mother and daughter in the buggy; whipping the horse all the way to Redkey while running along beside the horse the whole two and a half miles to the doctors' house. The doctor said that Mary Ember would have to have professional nursing care. They would not be able to care for her at home. He was especially concerned about the top of her head because it had burned through where a piece of wood had hit her. She did get professional care and she did survive, living to raise nine children. During his 96 years, Edward enjoyed good health, contributing it all to hard work and riding his bicycle eight miles, round trip, to work every day and walking on the days the snow was too bad to ride his bike. Edward and Zelpha had 14 children in all: Goldie Josephine, Berda Idella, William Harlow, Nannie Iona, Albert, Gladys Gladine, Ivalou Rachel, Mary Ember, Alfred Emit, Martha Eva, Carl Clement, Hershell Woodrow, Earl Fredrick, and Zelpha Elizabeth.

George Elmer Haffner

George Elmer Haffner (Mar. 26, 1870-Jan. 1, 1943) was the son of William Riley Haffner and Mary Alma (Holloway) Haffner. His paternal grandparents were John and Mary (Pearson) Haffner and maternal grandparents were George P. and Elizabeth (Carmony) Holloway. The Haffners came from The Black Forest and Salzburg Area of Germany and settled in Virginia then Ohio, then in Indiana. The Holloways came from England to Ohio, and then to Indiana.

Elmer married Susannah Lillian Daugherty on Sept. 2, 1893. Mrs. Haffner (Mar. 1, 1874-Jan. 11, 1944) was the daughter of George and Isabel (Fifer) Daugherty. The Daughertys were from Ireland and the Fifers from Germany.

Mr. Haffner helped clear land for his father. After his marriage he rented land in Wabash Townsip from Dr. Ralston. He purchased 40 acres in Bearcreek Township (now owned by the Richard Haffner family), and moved there in 1913. In 1920 he purchased 60 acres (now owned by Wayne Haffner) and moved there.

Elmer and Lilly Haffner were the parents of seven children: Cloyd, Forrest, Fern, Hazel, Walter, Dale, and Wayne Haffner.

Cloyd (Nov. 12, 1894) attended Muncie Normal, taught school in Indiana and North Dakota. Then he graduated from Northern Illinois College of Optometry and practiced in Crawfordsville. He married Bessie Lee Fisher. They had six children: Elmer (deceased); Maxine (Haffner) Cox (wife of James), Optometrist in Siler City, North Carolina, has one child and one grandchild; Mildred Jean Haffner, salesperson in Crawfordsville; Leon, Optometrist in Fort Wayne and has one child; Diane (Haffner) Melvin (wife of Eugene), a salesperson at Crawfordsville; Phyllis (Haffner) Furrer (wife of Alvin), a graduate of Ball State University, a farmer's wife at Reynolds, Ind. and has three children.

Forrest (June 23, 1896-1957) was a storekeeper in Muncie. He married Esther Bucher and had six children: Norval of Muncie has three children and five grandchildren; Ward (deceased) had three children and eleven grandchildren; Glen (deceased) had four children and four grandchildren; Arlet, Muncie, has three children and six grandchildren; Crystal (Haffner) White (wife of John) Muncie, has two children and two grandchildren; Violet (Haffner) Favors (wife of Richard) Muncie, a salesperson for Ball Stores, has four children and six grandchildren.

Fern (Haffner) Whetstone Tindal (Dec. 29, 1899) is a retired emplyoee of the Jay Garment Co., Portland. She married Bennie Whetstone. After his death she married Elmer Tindal. She has two children, Dale and Olen. Dale and his wife Pearl of Decatur have two living children and one deceased and five grandchildren. Olen and his wife Grace of Bryant have one child deceased and six living children and six grandchildren.

Hazel (Haffner) Bash (Sept. 18, 1902), Hornell, New

Elmer and Lillian Haffner

York, married Jacob A. Bash, a retired railroad employee. They had five children: Emmett Wayne Bash (deceased); Edna (Bash) Koenke (wife of John) of Minnetonka, Minnesota, has eight children and four grandchildren; Dorothy (Bash) Sayles (wife of Richard) of Cleveland, O. has five children and six grandchildren; Mary Louise "Peggy" (Bash) Hover (wife of James), a teacher of Hornell, N.Y., has four children; Jerry Bash, Professor at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., home address Kensington, Md., has one child.

Walter (Sept. 13, 1904-1964) was a farmer in Jackson Township. He married Gertrude Armantrout. They had two children: Wanda (Haffner) Moorman of Michigan has two children; and Wayman Haffner, a farmer in Penn Township.

Dale Haffner (June 5, 1908-1979), a farmer in Bearcreek Township, married Vera Bergman. They had six children: two who died in infancy and Dickie, a farmer in Greene Township and his wife Jackie have four children and one grandchild; Norma Haffner married Glen Cash, a farmer near Pennville and they have two children; Janice (Haffner) Baumer (wife of Jay) has three children. Janice is a registered nurse; Richard, a farmer and his wife Donna, a teacher, have on child and live on Route 4, Portland.

Wayne Haffner (Feb. 3, 1911) of Route 4, Portland is a retired teacher and principal of Bryant High School and was Director of Adult Education at Jay County High School. He is a graduate of Wabash College, Crawfordsville (1933), attended Purdue University, and received his MA degree in '58 from Ball State University. *Submitted by Wayne Haffner.*

Haley Family

The Haley family came from Germany. Sebastian (Bosh) Haley, and Lydia Radar Haley lived just north of the Bellefountain in Jay County. They were parents of 12 children: Mary Ann, Becky, Amanda, Sarah, Allie, Elizabeth, Jake, George, Sam, John, Fred, and William. Allie Haley married Eli T. Haffner. Eli and Allie lived on a small farm in Noble Twp. They raised their fruit, vegetables and some stock meat. Eli also had a hardware store in Portland where he was quite successful. The Haffner family came from the Black Forest-Salzburg in Germany. Siegmund Haffner was of Nobility. First they settled in Virginia Territory during the 18th century. They were parents of eight children. Later they came to Jay County. Their children were John who m. Mary Pierson, was born in 1820. John and Mary had 11 children: William Riley, George B., Henry Wilson, Julia A., John, David P., Margaret, Hannah, Albert, Eli, and Emiline. Eli and Allie raised a fine family of six children: Ray, Nevo, Opal, Earl, Milo and Mildred.

Son Earl served in the W.W.I, and saw much service. Later he returned to Portland and married Mildred Cromer. He became a partner in his father's store and upon John's death he became sold owner. The Haffner hardware store prospered and Earl stayed with it until ill health forced him to sell out and retire in 1969.

Earl and Mildred had two sons, Dan and Jon. Dan married Patricia Cain. They have two sons, Stephen and Jeffrey. Dan is with the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. and lives in Troy, Mi. Jon married Debra Gibson. They have a daughter Allison Shae. Jon is with the First National Bank in Portland.

Earl passed away in 1980, and Mildred has a lovely mobile home in Munby's Golden Age Village Park off the Blaine Pike. *Submitted by Mildred I. Haffner.*

Joseph E. Hall

Joseph Edward Hall, Jr. is the son of Joseph Edward Hall, Sr. and Agnes Carter Hall. A Korean War Veteran, he is presently Superintendent of the Portland Waste Water Treatment Plant. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge. Joe Hall, Jr. married Anita Pauline Miller, daughter of Quincey and Thelma Miller, October 25, 1951.

Anita Hall is a member and past president of Psi Iota Xi sorority. She is a Charter Member and First Honored Queen of Jobe's Daughters, Bethel No. 66, and Charter Member of the Grand Bethel of Indiana. The Halls are members of the Asbury United Methodist Church.

Joe and Anita Hall are the parents of Joetta Lynn Hall (born and died March 8, 1956), Jane Ann Hall (Mrs. Terry Wayne May), and Jeffrey Alan Hall.

Jane Ann Hall married Terry Wayne May, son of Everett May, Jr., and Donna Robbins May, on June 5, 1976. Terry May is associated with the May Insurance Agency, and active in Jaycees. Jane Ann May is a member of Psi Iota Xi sorority. They are members of the West Walnut Street Church of Christ, and are currently residing in Greenville, Ohio. They are the parents of two children, Paul Jason and Lisa Lynn.

Hall

Lee G. Hall was born in Portland, Indiana, August 16, 1915, the son of Donald A. Hall (1885-1945) and Vadia M. (Holmes) Hall (1889).

Donald A. Hall was the son of Geroge W. and Helen M. Hall whose families came to Jay County in the 1850's from Kentucky and Virginia. Vadia M. Hall is the daughter of L. G. and Clara J.Holmes whose families came to Jay County in the 1870's from Allen County, Indiana and Versaille County, Ohio. Donald A. Hall attended DePauw University and Cornell University and Vadia M. was a graduate of Maryland College for Women in Baltimore, Maryland.

Lee Hall attended the local schools, graduating from high school in 1933 and graduated from DePauw University in 1937 with a A.B. degree where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

In November 1941, he married Corinne Zarth, daughter of Edward G. and Mabel Zarth, Porter County, Munster, Indiana. Corinne Hall graduated from Lindenwood College for Women, St. Charles, Missouri, and Ball State University. She also attended Wisconsin University. Lee and Corinne have two children, David E. Hall and Helen L. (Hall) Melchior. David lives in Winnetka, Illinois and is area sales director for SBC, a division of Control Data. He received his A.B. degree from DePauw University and his M.B.A. from the University of Southern California. He is married to Kathleen Zinn of Los Angeles, also a graduate of the University of Southern California. They are the parents of two daughters, Kristen and Kerry. Helen (Hall) Melchior, a graduate of Northwestern University, is married to C. C. Melchior. Mr. Melchior is a graduate of the University of Southern California.He is a representative for Waterford Crystal for the state of California. Mr. and Mrs. Melchior live in Newport Beach, California and are the parents of three daughters: Melissa Lee, Mary Anne, and Corninne Elizabeth.

Lee G. Hall became general manager of Portland Forge in 1945 upon the death of his father, Donald A. Hall, and president in 1952. He was active in the forging industry, serving as director of the Forging Industry Association and president of the Association in 1965-66, leading a delegation of forging executives to the International Forging convention in Munich, Germany in October 1965, where he made a presentation before the delegates.

In 1967 he consummated the merger of Portland Forge with Teledyne, Inc. and remained as president until 1980 when he became chairman.

His other business interests are: director of The Graphic Publishing Company, director of The Citizens Bank of Portland, director of Nudor Corp. of Geneva, Indiana, and director of AVM Corp. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He has served various civic organizations during his lifetime, including director of The Chamber of Commerce, Portland Country Club, Juffy, Jay County Arts Council and as a trustee and president of The Jay County Hospital for 20 years.

Lee G. and Corinne Hall are members of the Presbyterian Church where Lee has served as deacon and elder, and various projects within the church, including chairman of the building committee of the educational unit, the manse committee, the organ committee, and several pastoral committees.

Lee G. now resides on road 120, one mile west of U.S. 27.

Corinne passed away March 18, 1982 from a short illness. *Submitted by Lee G. Hall.*

Descendants of Alexander Hanlin

This information was passed on to me by Charles Harold Hanlin (1912-1972) of Dayton, Ohio. He did the research and I have made some minor additions.

Alexander Hanlin (1741-1791), buried Tyrone County, Ireland, married Nancy Stewart (1742-1825), buried St. John's Cem. near Hanlin Station, Pa.

Nancy and seven children came to America in 1792 and settled in Lancaster County, Pa. In 1798 they moved west to settle on Buffalo Creek, Washington County, Pa. on the "Lawton Farm". In 1800 they bought a large tract of land near what was later called Hanlin Station, three miles south of Paris, Pa.

Children of Alexander and Nancy Hanlin: William Hanlin; John Hanlin; Alexander Hanlin; James Hanlin Sr. (1770-1838), buried St. John's Cem., Hanlin Sta., married Margaret Mills (1779-1865), buried Greenpark Cem., Portland; Elizabeth Hanlin; Nancy Hanlin; Jane Hanlin.

James Hanlin Sr. owned a farm in Hanover Township, Washington County, near Paris, Pa. He was a miller by trade and floated his products down the Ohio River to New Orleans, La. On one of trips he contacted cholrea and died. Margaret and six children moved to Jackson County, Ohio in 1854.

Children of James Sr. and Margaret Hanlin: Alexander Hanlin (1811-1870), buried Mt. Zion Cem., married Jane Gearhart (1817-1874), buried Mt. Zion Cem.; John Stewart Hanlin (1814-1883), buried Mt. Zion Cem., married Martha Jane Wilson (1824-1895), buried Mt. Zion Cem.; Samuel Hanlin (1815-1892), Greenpark Cem., married Eveline Stephenson (1815-1901), Greenpark Cem., second married Sarah________, died in Ohio; James Hanlin Jr. (1820-1905), Greenpark Cem., married Irene Stephenson (1822-1902), Greenpark Cem.; Mary Ann died Gallia County, Ohio, 1855; second daughter, no record.

Children of Alexander and Jane Hanlin: James A. Hanlin m. Pheba Isenhart; Susanna Hanlin m. Isaac Premer; Sarah Jane Hanlin m. Phillip Stolz; Margaret H. Hanlin m. Valentine Arbaugh; George Washington Hanlin m. Bethany Miller second m. Ann Wood (subject of another sketch in this book); John T. Hanlin m. Elizabeth Davis, second m. Judy Scraggs, third m. Ella Franks; Mary Hanlin m. John Van Kirk; Evaline Hanlin m. ________Miller, second m. Clark Crowninger.

Children of John Stewart Sr. and Martha Jane Hanlin: Mary Hanlin (1882-1883); James P. Hanlin (1844-1909), m. Margaret (Hood-Hoad), second m. Charlotte Wallace; William W. Hanlin m. Lizzie Thornton; John Stewart Hanlin Jr. (1851-1924l) m. Sarah Axe; Joseph Nottingham Hanlin m. Belle Cuseander________; Thomas Benton Hanlin m. Amy Haley.

Children of Thomas Benton and Nina Hanlin: Melvin O. Hanlin m. Bessie DeHayes; Ruth Leona Hanlin m. Roy Franks.

Children of James Jr. and Irene Hanlin: Margaret Virginia Hanlin (1850-1923), buried Greenpark Cem., m. John Cring; John Anderson Hanlin (1853-1917), buried Greenpark Cem., m. Lydia Sophia Sherman (1848-1889), buried Greenpark Cem., second Gertrude Moulton (1868-1897), buried Greenpark Cem., third m. Louise Huey; infant daughter, Sept. 17, 1856, buried Westchester Cem; Adeline Hanlin (1858-1938), buried Greenpark Cem., m. Alfred Antles (1851-1933), buried Greenpark Cem.; infant son, April 9, 1861.

Children of John Anderson Hanlin and Lydia Sherman: Orland Roscoe Hanlin (1871-1932), buried Greenpark Cem., m. Elizabeth Patterson (1871-1959), buried Greenpark Cem.; Charles Anderson Hanlin (1875-1943), buried Greenpark Cem., m. Leona Leota Freemyer (1880-1904), buried Greenpark Cem., buried Greenpark Cem., second m. Gertrude Baker Sipe (1876-1959), buried Greenpark Cem.; Josie Hanlin (1878-1936) m. George Money, second m. John A. Rarick (1875-1950).

Children of John Anderson Hanlin and Gertrude Moulton: Willis Hanlin (1890-?) m. Iris Spencer (1896-?).

Children of Charles Anderson Hanlin and Leona L. Freemyer: Minnie Irene Hanlin (1902-1971), buried IOOF Cem., Pennville, m. William "Earl" Sager (1902-1975), buried IOOF Cem., Pennville (subject of another sketch this book); Mildred Marie Hanlin m. William Harold Leonhard, deceased.

Children of Charles Anderson Hanlin and Gertrude Sipe: Ethel Isabella Hanlin m. Byron Smith Tyndall, deceased; Charles Harold Hanlin (1912-1972), David's Cem., Dayton, Ohio, m. Kathryn Madonna Milligan; Woodrow W. W. Hanlin and James Herbert Hanlin, deceased. *Submitted by Mickey Sager.*

George Edward Hanlin, Sr.

George Edward Hanlin, Sr. was born at Pennville, in Jay County, on May 18, 1903. He was the son of Robert Anderson Hanlin and Jenna S. Manley, both of whom were born in Jay County.

Robert Hanlin's parents were George W. Hanlin whose grandparents came from Ireland and arrived in Jay County in 1854 and Bethany Miller of Mercer County, Ohio. She was the daughter of David Miller and Abigal Beardsly of French and German descent. They were married in April 1847. David Miller served in the Civil War from 1861-1866, after which he came to Penn Township where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a member of the G.A.R. Post at Pennville, Indiana.

Jenna S. Manley was the daughter of Jeromeah L. Manley and Mary Ann Beckler, both born in Ohio, Mary Ann of French-Irish descent. They both left familys in Athens County, Ohio. Mr. Manley studied law at Zanesville, Ohio. He practiced law in Geneva, Adams County, Indiana until his death in 1880. Mary Ann lived until 1920, both are buried in the Quaker Cemetery at Pennville, Indiana. Both Jeromeah and Mary Ann were charter members of the Gilead Church.

Robert A. Hanlin and Jenna S. Manley were married October 26, 1895. They were the parents of four children: Harold and Howard, both deceased; one daughter, Margaret who married Glen Millett and the subject of this sketch, George Edward who married Edwina D. Edmundson on September 6, 1922. Edwina's parents were Lewis W. Edmundson and Jane Williams of Penn Township.

George E. is a retired farmer and well driller and a former trustee of the Gilead Church at Balbec. He and Edwina live on the farm near Balbec that her grandparents came to when they came to Indiana in 1837. George and Edwina celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1972. They are the parents of six children.

Ellen M. who graduated from Gray High School, Jay County, in 1941. She served as a Wave during World War II and is a member of the American Legion at Pennville. Ellen married Charles Bulzone (born in New York) in September 1946 and they have two children. Donald, who married Geraldine Rogers of New York and they have two children, Christopher and Jennifer. Marisa, unmarried, works for a publishing house in New York City. She graduated from Albany State College in New York.

George E. Hanlin, Jr., graduated from Portland High School in 1943. In November 1946 he married Esther Axe (born in Ohio) and they have three children. Peggy, who married Steve Manor and he has a son, Derick. Patrick, who married Myra Sue Rieff of Wells County and they have one son, Peter Eric. Perry, is unmarried.

Nina J. graduated from Pennville High School in 1950. She married John J. Stultz (born in Jay County) and they have two sons. Mark, a senior at Indiana State College at Terre Haute, Indiana. Kevin is a freshman at the Blackford County High School.

Martha J. graduated from Pennville High School in 1951 and in July 1951, she married Harold Kimmel of Blackford County. She has three sons: Blaine, who has a son Craig; Scott; and Lance.

Carolyn J. married Marcy Dee Hoffacker of Wells County on May 19, 1951 and they have two children. Connie married Henry Hause and they have one son, Troy. Larry married Tammy Smith and they have two children, Tyler and Stephanie.

John E. Sr., graduated from Pennville High School in 1961 and in February 1964 he married Cindy Monroe of Wells County. They had four children: Tammy, a freshman at Purdue; John, Jr., who was struck by a car and killed when he was ten years old; Dawn Marie; and George Robert. John E., Sr. later married Linda (Wilhoite) Moser of Jay County, who has two daughters, Lucinda and Larissa Moser to add to our grandchildren. *Submitted by Edwina Hanlin.*

Hardsog

John Frederick (died August 7, 1914, age 75 years, 2 months and 4 days) and Mary Elizabeth Hardsog had the following children: Margaret; John P.; George William; Fred; David S. and Mary Elizabeth. They moved from Berne, Indiana to Muncie, Indiana.

Margaret was a professional dressmaker. She died in 1956.

John Paulus Hardsog (died March 31, 1951, age 81 years and 11 months). His children were: Walter (died in infancy); Hazel Mae Lewellen; Harley LaRue (died March, 1973, 74 years and 9 months) and Ernest Floyd (died March 8, 1971, 67 years, 8 months and 10 days).

Fred Hardsog married Elizabeth (Popp). They had a daughter, Leah V. (October 28, 1895-January 22, 1980) who married Carl Kessler (died July 1950) and had a daughter Phyliss. She was never married. Leah and Carl are buried in Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Ohio. The Hardsogs and Kesslers lived as neighbors south of Wilshire, Ohio. Leah was born in Mercer County.

George Hardsog had a son Harvey and a son William. William had three children: Harold, living in Dayton, Ohio; Esther and David.

Mary Elizabeth Hardsog (September 23, 1862-March 13, 1927) married David Sanford DeBolt (August 21, 1960-January 1946) on November 8, 1881 at Celina, Ohio. They had seven children: Mary E.; John F.; Chauncey E.; Bertha E.; Rudy F.; William McVeigh and Homer of Berne, Indiana. David and wife are buried in the M.R.E. Cemetery of Berne in Adams County.

Mary E. DeBolt (December 21, 1882-May 30, 1976) married on January 19, 1908 to Charley Franklin Adams (June 1, 1870-October 26, 1970). They had three sons: Chester L.; Glenn W. and Ora S. There were nine grandchildren, thirteen great, great grandchildren. Mary and Charley are buried in the M.R.E. Cemetery west of Berne, Chester L. Adams (November 27, 1911) married Julie Romey and have two children, James and Norma. James married Juanita Litwiller and they have two children: Mary married to Rusty Geyer and there are two children, Nicole and Gwen; Norma married Gary Fosnaugh and they have four children: Robbie; Benjamin; Shawn and Anthony Joshua (September 19, 1981). Glen W. Adams (February 25, 1918) married Marjorie Romey and there are two children: LeRoy married to Joanna Wheeler and there are two children, Beth and Jill; Donald Adams married to Karen Craft and there are three children: Matthew, Jonathon and Sarah. Ora S. Adams (July 29, 1922) married Esther Teeple and they have five children: Richard married to Mari Jo Stucky and they have two children, Jamie and Joshua; Kim Adams married to Susie Limon in July 1981; Terry Adams married to Leisa Gayliordi; Joe Adams married to Julia Nagel. They have two children, Elizabeth and Penny Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. William McVeigh (Ethel K. Myers) DeBolt
Wedding Day, Nov. 19, 1922

John Frederick DeBolt (1885-January 1952) was married to Jesse Lakehart (formerly from Ohio) in Berne, Indiana, Adams County. John and Jesse are buried in the South Park Cemetery, Columbia City, where they resided. They had five sons and seven daughters: Francis DeBolt (1910-1954) and wife Alice lived near Ft. Wayne. They had three daughters: Donna Jean, Sharon and Carylon. Francis was killed in an automobile accident; Kenneth DeBolt, born July 29, 1912, married in 1933 to Maxine L. Morris (July 7, 1911-September 19, 1979) in Kendellville, Indiana, Noble County. Maxine was the daughter of Anthony and Wilma (Chiddister) Morris. Kenneth is a farmer and shears sheep. He and Maxine took a boy, Glen Ritter, to live in their home when he needed a place to stay. Maxine is buried in Oak Park Cemetery; Robert Woodward DeBolt (1919-March 1954) was born in Adams County and lived in Ligonier, Indiana most of his lifetime. He died after a week illness and burial was in Oak Park Cemetery. He was an operating engineer for the C. and M. Dredging Co. in Elkhart, Indiana. Robert and Margaret had six sons: Robert; Wayne; Roger; Ronald; Rickey and Richard.

Chauncey Edwin DeBolt (February 17, 1887-January 1971) married Sarah Estella Tinkham (March 6, 1887-January 13, 1979) on September 6, 1909. Chauncey worked at International Harvester Co. He was buried in Prairie Grove Cemetery and Estella was buried in Ray Cemetery at Monroe. They had five children: Florene Aruada Arvilla, born November 8, 1910; Velma Grace, born March 17, 1913; Lloyde LeRoy, born September 6, 1914; Forrest Edwin, born July 10, 1923 and Paul Laurence, born July 19, 1929. Florene A.A. DeBolt married Howard McKinley Bowman on November 23, 1932. They had five children: Betty Lou Bowman, born July 17, 1933, married Dale Alton Hecklet on September 6, 1953. They have a son Leslie and a daughter Susan; Kenneth LeRoy Bowman, born August 31, 1934, married Ruth Sarg in 1961 and there are six children to this union; Rosemary, born September 12, 1963; Robin Marie, born March 14, 1965; John K., born November 10, 1967; Joseph C., born October 4, 1969; James Wm., born April 6, 1971 and Annabelle Louise, born July 26, 19-; Joyce Ann Bowman, born January 21, 1938, married November 9, 1963 and have twins, Jennifer Marie and Jeffrey Mark, born December 21, 1970; Eliza Jane Bowman, born October 21, 1939 and Edna Marie Bowman, born December 28, 1940 (deceased). Florene and Howard Bowman have one great-grandchild, Brent. Florenes' great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Tinkham. Grace DeBolt married Doyt Swoveland of Wren, Ohio in 1938. They have two daughters, names unknown. Lloyde LeRoy DeBolt married Junita Hilton on August 20, 1938. They have a daughter, Kay Elaine married to Jack Hart. They have three children, names unknown. Forrest Edwin DeBolt married Freida May Liddy and they have two daughters, Penny married to Gerald Dee Sudduth of Decatur, Indiana. They have three children, names unknown. The other daughter, Debra married Donald W. Smith and they have two daughters, names unknown. Paul Laurence DeBolt married Ramona Keller on December 25, 1958. They have three children, names unknown.

Bertha E. DeBolt (May 4, 1889-February 21, 1979) never married, working in the home. She was born east of Berne, Indiana in Adams County and buried in M.R.E. Cemetery west of Berne.

Rudy F. DeBolt (1892) married Marie Linn (October 6, 1904-October 3, 1975). They had one daughter, Pauline, never married. She was born in 1931. Marie is buried in M.R.E. Cemetery west of Berne.

William McVeigh DeBolt (October 27, 1895-January 8, 1968) married on November 19, 1922 to Ethel K. Myers (April 2, 1900). She was the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Mary Belle (Hendricks) Myers. They had twin daughters, Luella May and Luetta Faye, never married, born on February 9, 1924. Luetta died on June 13, 1979. All were born near Berne, Indiana, Adams County. William DeBolt served his country in World War I in 1917-1919 and received excellent character on his honorable discharge. He also received a citation from President Johnson due to his sincere service and excellent character. His record in the military has been flawless. During World War I, while serving at Champ Shelby in 1918, a severe epidemic of influenza spread through the camp. Mr. DeBolt was hospitalized three different times. He left camp Shelby September 1918, and rode the eight mile trip to Camp Long Island at New York, suffering severly.

Several soldiers fell victum to the severe epidemic of influenza in September 1918, due to a change of cold weather from the ocean. The whole regiment was sick and Mr. DeBolt had a 102 degree fever. The ailing troops were loaded onto a ship and left the harbor October 6. They anchored a short time later and then left for overseas October 16, 11:00 P.M. while shots were fired at them.

While sailing to England, 150 soldiers died. The deceased were wrapped in American flags and rolled overboard. After many days without seeing land, the ship harbored at Manchester, England, January 1919.

The soldiers were very hungry as their food supply was lost at sea. However, the troops marched before General Pereshing. They walked 27¼ miles one day in zero degree, ice and snow weather with only one frozen sandwich to eat. Ten hours later, they pitched tents in mud and water. Some were fortunate enough to find straw to lay on. In addition, as they marched through the stores, Mr. DeBolt bought one jar of jam and shared with his buddies.

The regiment, slowed by sickness, arrived at the battlefield on Armistice Day.

Mr. DeBolt, during service for his country, became physical disabled and unable to do manual work. As a farmer, he was not able to farm. He became an underwriter for New York Life Insurance Co.

Mr. DeBolt purchased fruit years ago at the Elliot Fruit Market north end of Portland, Ind. Once after closing the fruit market, he counted the change the boys gave him and found they gave him two cents too much. He returned to give the two cents back, but they laughed at him. Still Mr. DeBolt insisted. Mr. DeBolt knew his Lord keeps books.

Mr. DeBolt started Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Indiana of Jay County on July 15, 1956, and located at 904 North Franklin Street. The motto was, "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible.". Mr. DeBolt had written poems, hymns and choruses. William and Luetta Faye are buried in the Little Salamonia Cemetery, southeast of Portland on Boundary Pike. The DeBolt family lived in Portland.

Homer DeBolt (May 25, 1897-July 25, 1970) was born in Adams County at Berne, Indiana and married on June 25, 1925, to Clara Linn (February 14, 1903-March 1971). They had three sons and one daughter: Gerald Eugene, born September 1926, and married Marjorie LaBrun. They had two children. Eugene, he and his wife Lila have a child, Erica; Tonya, not married. Gerald had a daughter, Wanda, by previous marriage, she married Dave Cupp and they have three children: Melissa, Shelli and Richard and four grandchildren. Floyd DeBolt (December 14, 1928) married Marcella Tyner and they have three sons: Larry married to Peggy Jeffery; David married to Shari Brubaker and they have three children, Amy, Renae and Mike. Marion DeBolt (July 25, 1932) married Miriam Weaver and they have three sons: Joseph (July 3, 1958) married to Gina Simonf on June 17, 1979; Robert (August 8, 1960) and Phillip (September 2, 1961). Ester (July 18, 1941-December 29, 1941), is buried in M.R.E. Cemetery, west of Berne, Indiana. Homer and Clara are buried in Hoverstock Cemetery at Zanesville, Indiana. *Submitted by Ethel and Luella DeBolt.*

George T. Hardy

George T. and Estelle Hardy reside in Section 9, Pike Township, on a farm consisting of 80 acres, which has been in the Hardy family for over 100 years. The original purchase was made by grandfather George Washington Hardy in October, 1867.

George T., born in 1917, is the youngest of five children born to Albert Whipple and Viola Florence (Stratton) Hardy. The other children being: Lecil O., born 1904; Herbert S. (1906, died 1978); Lola Edna (1911); and Dora Edith (1914). All were born in Pike Township. The youngest three in the house still standing, that was originally built in 1887 and remodeled in 1974. All five children attended Antioch School—grades one thru eight. Edith and George graduated from Portland High School in 1932 and 1935 respectively. Sunday School and church was attended at Antioch. The building is still standing but services were discontinued many years ago.

Albert W. farmed this place from 1907 until his death in 1937. Viola died in 1974.

Any known history of the Hardy family starts with great, great, great grandfather John, who was born in Kentucky and was a minister in the Christian Church at Cane Ridge, Kentucky. He later moved to Preble County, Ohio. He died in 1819 and is buried at Eaton, Ohio. Subsequent descendants are John's son George, who married a girl named-Polly and is buried in Hardy Cemetery on the bank of the Salamonie River in Section 3, Pike Township. George's son John married Eliza Hanna and had four girls and three boys. The eldest boy being George Washington Hardy who was born in 1843. Both George W. and his father served in the Union Army during the Civil War. The elder died in the service and was buried in Tennessee. George W. was discharged in 1865 and married Amy Cook, daughter of Martha and Whipple Cook, May 12, 1866. They had nine children, five boys and four girls, the fourth oldest being George T's father, Albert Whipple Hardy. They lived in a log cabin south and west of the present dwelling house.

George T. was married to Estelle Hedges in 1940. They have one son, Ashton B., born Nov. 12, 1942, who was married to Marita Ann Seppala in 1970. They have one daughter, Kendra Leigh, born Jan. 26, 1980 and reside in Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

George T. served in the USAC during World War II and was employed by Chevrolet Motor Div. GMC. He purchased the farm in 1970 and has lived there since his retirement in 1974.

Harshman

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Harshman were both born in Jay County. Guy is the son of Newton and Ruth Metz Harshman and was born just east of Portland on his grandfather, Peter Metz' Farm. Guy's wife was the former Gladys Roush, the daughter of James A. and Josie Pratt Roush and was born in Madison Township. Guy and Gladys were married October 20, 1928. She worked at Tormohlen's Hatchery and Sheller Mfg. Co. They bought the 80 acre farm ¼ mile south of College Corner from his mother and they lived there for many years, until they moved to Portland in 1968. They bought the Dr. Dickes house at 203 E. Walnut St. and still reside there. They later sold the farm to Carl and Mona Steed. During their years of married life they owned and operated the Main Cafe on E. Main St. in Portland; later owned and operated The Superior Manufacturing Company, making sweeping compound and selling janitor supplies. After selling this business to Leland and Ruth Godfrey, they bought four more houses and converted them into fifteen apartments which they still own and operate. They are members of the Presbyterian Church of Portland and are good Democrats.

Hartley Family

Henry Hartley and wife came to Jay County from Allen County, Ohio near Lima. He was a blacksmith and wagonmaker. They settled near New Mount Pleasant, southwest of Portland. They had three children, Frank, Enoch and Anna.

Enoch married Anna Nixon, daughter of Joseph and Emmaline Nixon. They had five daughters: Cleo, Nelle, Jessie, Mary and Alice. One son was born on June 12, 1905, named Alton. The Enoch Hartley's resided in Portland, and he worked as a carpenter. In 1899, he bought twenty acres of land on the west side of town, and started a dairy business.

In 1905, he was the first dairy to pastuerize milk in the state of Indiana. Many doctors were still recommending raw milk for babies as late as 1935.

Alton Hartley joined his father in the business in 1924, when the dairy was located at 1108 West High Street. He married Josephine Norris of Bluffton, In. in that city on February 27, 1926. To this union were born three children: Howard, Ann, and Joseph. Howard is in business in Daytona Beach, Fla. He and his wife, Joan Morris have three children: Cynthia, Kathryn and Howard, and three grandchildren. Ann is married to Dr. James Malcomb, and they live in Three Rivers, Mi. They have four children: James, Kathryn, Elizabeth and Anita. Joseph is married to Louise Logan, and they live in Bloomington, In. Joseph is a professor of transportation at Indiana University. They have three children: Karen, Lynn, and Gregory, also two grandchildren.

In 1938 the Hartley Dairy started to bottle homogenized milk. It was the third dairy in Indiana to bottle the homogenized milk. At first it was difficult to sell the bottled product as there was no cream on top. Restaurants liked it, for it poured cleanly, with no cream sticking to the sides. Today, in 1982, all milk is sold in either bottles or cartons.

In ____ a cold storage locker plant was added to the dairy. It was the third locker plant in the state. This was before home freezers were on the market, and frozen meat, seafood and fruit were just coming on the market. After World War II, when big business began to take over, and realizing that small dairys and ice cream plants would have a hard time competing, the milk and ice cream business was sold to the Beatrice Foods Company. As home freezers became popular and more families purchased their own freezers, the locker plant was discontinued.

Some time after, Josephine and Alton decided to capitalize on their personal interests, and started into the antique business. They own and operate the Bell and Whistle Antique Shop. This business is in the old dairy property at 1108 West High Street. Alton is an experienced restorer of antique furniture, and is especially good with old clocks, his delight.

The Hartley's built a new home in 1926, the year of their marriage, at 1021 West High Street where they still reside. They enjoy it more and more. *Submitted by Josephine and Alton Harthey.*

Carl M. Hartman

When the marriage of Carl M. Hartman and Laura Sue Powell, March 30, 1930 at the Redkey Methodist Episcopal Church by Rev. George Washington Martin, was solemnized the blood lines of four pioneer families of Knox Township and Richland four pioneer families of Jay County were consumated.

The Shrack, Hartman, Ridgeway, Taylor, Current, Barnell, Sutton, and Roberts were in their lineage. Carl M., b. Sept. 3, 1908, son of Rolland C. Hartman, b. June 14, 1875, d. June 19, 1957, son of John Hartman, son of Levi Hartman who died Jan. 27, 1865, Hilton-Head Beau Fort S.C. in the Civil War, wife was Jamima Shrack, Carl's mother was Eva Ridgeway Hartman, daughter of Geroge and Mary Taylor Ridgeway. Carl, the youngest of the children, others were Elsie, wife of Rev. Le Roy Bula, Ralph married Violet Zeigler, Dorothy married Roy Davis.

Laura Sue Hartman's parents were John S. Powell, b. Nov. 20, 1887, d. July 8, 1956, son of Rev. Sherman, b. Oct. 2, 1869, d. June 27, 1928 and Laura Nicoles Powell, b. May 26, 1863, d. March 19, 1948, Pastor of the Redkey Methodist Church from 1902 to 1906, son of John and Sarah Pontius Powell, he was a captain in the Civil War from Cass Co., and Edna May Powell, b. Oct. 21, 1887, d. May 14, 1969, daughter of Olin and Laura Sutton Barnell, he died Aug. 26, 1901, son of William and Rebecca Lake Barnell, daughter of Ila and Rachel Lake, daughter of Peter and Rebecca Current, oldest daughter of the Current family who came to Jay in 1837. Laura was the daughter of William and Susan Musselman Greenlee Sutton. He was the son of Daniel Sutton and Mary Roberts Sutton. She was a poet and published a book "Vine Cottage Poems." The Powell children are Laura Sue, b. May 13, 1911, Geraldine, b. Nov. 16, 1912; John Jr., b. Nov. 27, 1916; Roger, b. Oct. 7, 1925. Geraldine married William Mathews, John Jr. married Donna Maitlen, and Roger married Helen Costello, d. in 1970, remarried Margaret Opel.

Carl and Laura Sue Hartman have four children, Martha Nelle, b. Dec. 5, 1936, married to George Campbell, twins Carl LeRue, b. July 19, 1940, married to Suzanne Gaunt, and Carol Sue, b. July 19, 1940, married to Kennith Austin, and Rev. Merrill Hartman, b. Sept. 3, 1946, married to Carole Ann Evans. Carl LeRue Hartman lives on the Hartman farm, which has been in the family over 100 years and five generations of the family have lived there. They have 15 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Carl started to work in Aug. 1930 for the Caar Canning Company. Caar stands for Cook, Arthur, Aukerman, and Rathfon, all businessmen of Redkey. He stayed with them for 19 years canning tomatoes and advanced to superintendent of the plant. He went into the plumbing and heating in the latter part of 1948 and Hartman Plumbing and Heating continued until 1968 in Dunkirk and Redkey. The Hartmans have been active in politics and have held several offices in the Redkey Main Street United Methodist Church where they have been members for over fifty years. *Submitted by Laura Sue Hartman.*

Conrad Hartnagel

Conrad, his wife Thresa, daughters Agatha and Mary; and son, Vincent left Harved de Grave, France in 1853, arriving in New York, NY, on September 17, 1853. They owed allegiance to Willheleim, King of Wittenberg, Germany.

They became citizens on October 10, 1856. Conrad was born in 1809 and his wife, Thresa was born in 1813. No date of death known, but both are buried at Trinity, Indiana.

Agatha was born in 1840 in Germany and died in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mary was born in 1844 in Germany and died in Nebraska. Vincent was born in Germany on August 30, 1846 and died September 19, 1909 in Indiana.

When the family arrived in 1853, they came to Wayne Township, Jay County, Indiana. Settling on a farm located in Twp. 23 N., R. 14 E., Section 3. This farm was purchased in the year of 1856. They lived there until May 18, 1863 when they sold this and purchased land in Wabash Township, Jay Co., Indiana.

Vincent purchased the land on February 23, 1873 (Deed Book 5, Page 218). He married Agnes Uleman in Ohio before 1873. She was born November 15, 1854 in Mercer

Co., Ohio. She was the daughter of Jacob and Agnes (Knoth) Uleman. She had three brothers and two half brothers, one sister and one half sister. The brothers were Bastain, John, Stephen, and Peter. The half brothers were Jacob Jr. and George. Her sister was Katherine and her half sister was Elizabeth. All were born in Ohio.

Vincent and Agnes' children were:

Jacob, born 1873, lived and died in California; Bastin, born 1875, lived and died in Michigan; Mary, born 1877, lived and died in Michigan; George, born 1879, lived and died in Ohio; Stephen, born 1881, married Mary Hierholzer, lived in Jay County, Ind., six children; Peter, born 1883, married Elizabeth Remaklus, lived in Jay Co., Ind., eight children, d. 8-29-69; Nicholas, born 1886, married Mary Minch on October 18, 1910. Her parents were Peter and Sara (Harden) Minch. They lived in Jay County, Ind. and had three children: Paul, born 8-10-11, married Margaret Butcher, lives in Jay County, Ind., Marvin, Sara, John and Susan, all married with children; Marguerite, born 8-13-15, married Robert V. Weller, lives in Portland, Ind., Patricia, born 12-31-35, married Duane Theurer, lives in Allen Co., Ind.; Michael, born 10-19-56, married Linda Barnhart, lives in Allen Co., Ind., Jamie Lyn, born 12-29-76; Leslie Nicole, born 10-30-79. Robert, born 9-7-59; David, born 12-23-60; Kris Ann, born 10-1-62. Barbara, born 3-17-42, married David Cull, lives in La Porte Co., Ind., Amanda, born 12-29-61; Jonathon, born 4-27-63; Andrew, born 10-4-65; Amy Beth, born 1-6-72. Florence, born 4-5-17, married Edward Knoth in 1934. Carolyn, Jeanette, Richard, all married with children. Rose, born 1888, married Theodore Welling, one daughter deceased. Henry, born 1890, married Rose Wagner, one son deceased. Ann, born 1890, married Otto Bricker, lived in Jay County, three children. Ann's son, John, is living on the Hartnagel home place in Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana. *Submitted by Marguerite Hartnagel Weller, great granddaughter of Conrad Hartnagel.*

George Washington Hartup

George Washington Hartup and his wife, Elizabeth Jane Addington, cleared the land called for in a deed of August 1862, southwest quarter of Section 14 Township 23 Jay County (160 acres) later added more acreage in same section. Their first home was a log cabin, then a small frame house and last a victorian house facing the narrow brick road from Pennville to Redkey. As a child I spent many summers with my grandparents enjoying fishing for sun perch, helping in the gardens and gathering fruit such as currants, goose berries and many apples which were stored for winter use. We always attended church at the Oak Grove Methodist Church a few miles south of the house. The land was given to George and his brothers James R. and Edward L. after the death of their father and their mother remarried. The brothers sold their interest to George.

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Barn on George Hartup Farm

George Hartup House

George and Elizabeth Jane Hartup married December 22, 1867, had eight children: Ada M. married to John N. Brooks; John G. married Martha Ray, his twin brother died soon after birth; Decatur and Luther died young; my father James Clifford married Madgelena "Lena" Hugo; Ernest E. married Nora Jarnagin and Alva L. married Inez McTyre. The children attended a small brick school south of the house. George and Elizabeth Hartup are buried in the old cemetery at Pennville. George W. Hartup was born in Wayne County, Indiana September 9, 1842, died July 15, 1915 Jay County, the son of John and Rhoda Wright-Hartup, both of Wayne County Indiana. She was born February 22, 1813, Fredrick County, Maryland, the daughter of William and Celia Wright of Maryland. They were Quakers. John Hartup was born in 1813 the son of James Hartup of Maryland, who owned land in Boston Township, Perry Township and helped organize the Olive Branch Methodist Church northeast of Hagerstown in Wayne County, Indiana. During the Civil War George enlisted in the United States Army Company F. 1st Indiana at Richmond and was honorably discharged July 27, 1865 at New Orleans.

Elizabeth Jane Addington Hartup was born September 8, 1849, Wayne County Indiana, died October 22, 1930 at Dunkirk. She was the daughter of Bishop Addington, Jr. and Delila Wyles of Wayne County, Indiana.

The Hartup family (Hartupp, Hartopp) came from England in 1637 and 1654 to Virginia. Thomas Hartup, father of James, is listed in the reconstructed census of Delaware 1790. My grandmother, Elizabeth Jane Addington, was the great great granddaughter of John Addington of South Carolina who was one of the early settlers of Wayne County and is written about in the Heis Quaker records and Wayne County History. *Submitted by Catherine Hartup Yeiser (Mrs. Emmett W. Yeiser).*

Benjamin W. Hawkins Family

White settlement came to Jay County shortly after the emergence of the 18th century. The third family to build a cabin and establish permanant residence was John Jay Hawkins and wife Nancy Hawkins. This family reflected the spirit and life of early settlers and contributed intellectually, spiritually, and materially to the development of a county system of life and government.

A descendant, Joseph B. Hawkins resided on an original land grant in Section 34, Wayne Twp. A son of Joseph C., he remained on the farm of his father. He married Louisa Ertel. They had nine children: E. Genevra, S. Ethel, Benjamin Wade, Mary C., E. Edna, Ralph W., Mildred G., Helen G. and Josephine M.

Joseph B. Hawkins received early educaiton in the county rural schools and was a graduate of Liber College. He was an enlightened and accomplished farmer. In addition to usual agronomy and animal husbandry. Joseph and Louisa specialized in truck and orchard produce. Their effort produced a high quality and bountiful crop, marketed both from the home farm, and at the county seat of Portland. Joseph and his brother John also marketed the produce among residents of the community from a covered spring wagon.

The maternal forbear of the county's Hawkins family was a truly picturesque frontier woman. Jay county histories depict many of the episodes in her life including Indian neighbors. A mural in the upper east level of the present court house memoralizes the legendary personality of Nancy B. Hawkins. The homestead cabin site of the family is honored by a marker in Pike Township unveiled by Marjorie Lou Hawkins in 1932. (See photo)

By the middle of this century, amid hundreds of descendants, the only male children to carry the surname of Hawkins were Benjamin Wade and Morton Seivier. By coincidence, the name Hawkins has been perpetuated by union of indentically named but unrelated Hawkins families. Helen Griffith Hawkins, daughter of Joseph Babcock Hawkins, married a Southerner, Crawford Buchanan Hawkins in 1920. Their son Joseph (1929) and wife Maria have two sons: Joseph B. Hawkins, M.D. (1955) and Michael Francis Hawkins (1958). Parents and sons live in Birmingham, Alabama.

Benjamin W. Hawkins, (1885-1963) married Mabel Thomas August 22, 1914. Their children were: Frances Ann (1916), Helen J. 1918) and Marjorie Lou (1927). "Ben" served two terms as county sheriff (1925-1929). He served in a tumultuous period when Chicago was headquarters for gangster crime, and when their forays spread through the mid west and into Jay County. "Ben" had an occasional encounter with secondary members of the "Capone gang". It is interesting that a great uncle of his, Benjamin W. Hawkins, also had at one time served as the county's chief law enforcement officer.

John Hawkins and niece, Edna, delivering farm produce to neighboring customers.

Benjamin W. and Marjorie Lou Hawkins at site of memorial at Hawkins Homestead.

In 1930, Mr. Hawkins purchased the Vantilberg Restaurant at 216 N. Meridian Street. After extensive renovation, the establishment was reopened under the name of Home Cafe. He, with his partner, successfully operated the business for 20 years, gaining an outstanding reputation for good country cooking.

In 1950, tragically, a gas explosion destroyed the complete building and claimed the life of Mrs. Hawkins along with three others. Mr. Hawkins was injured and from that time suffered a decline in health until his death in 1963.

Frances Ann

The eldest daughter of Benjamin W. and Mabel Hawkins married P.G. Goodrich December 14, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich reside in Portland and are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Goodrich is affiliated with finance business and is now president of Peoples Loan and Trust in Winchester. They have two children: Janice G. Burk (1940) and John Baldwin (1945). The latter is co-owner with Jeb Bubp of the J and P Plating Co. in Portland.

Helen Jane

Second daughter of Benjamin W. and Mabel Hawkins married Roger Ehrhart October 28, 1939. They reside in Portland and are members of the Church of Christ. Mr. Ehrhart was affiliated with Sheller Corp. and later with Portland Forge. They have a son Jeffrey (1941) who resides in California.

Marjorie Lou

The youngest daughter married William Thomas in 1949. They had three children: Timothy, Benjamin, and Rebekah. Marjorie is a professional organist and has served in that capacity, for many years in Presbyterian Churches. She now resides in Michigan City, Indiana, with a second husband, Dr. Stanley Hammond.

(1) See History of Jay Co., Montgomery

(2) See History of Jay Co., M. T. Jay, M. D. 1922.

(3) See History of Jay Co., and Blackford Co., Lewis 1887—reprint.

Howard A. Heffron

Anna Seburn Kinsey was born November 21, 1888, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Kinsey. Her mother died seven days after her birth. Anna S. Kinsey married Howard A. Heffron, a salesman for the Hercules Powder Company. She was a registered nurse. They lived in Detroit, Michigan and Galesburg, Illinois. She returned to Portland after the death of her husband in 1946, and resided here until her death in 1961. Howard A. Heffron, a veteran of World War I, and his wife Anna are buried in Green Park Cemetery.

Heidegger Family

John Jacob and Elizabeth (Zilly) Heidegger left Baden, Germany in November 1889 for the United States, because they liked the idea of having all the land which they owned in one plot and being able to live on the land. They and their three children, Mary, Lydia and Jacob were given Christmas gifts on their arrival in New York in early December. On the trip across the Atlantic a storm threatened to sink the ship and nearly all on board were seasick, but Jacob who at two years spent his time running around the ship.

Mr. Heidegger and family stayed with friends by the name of Miller, who lived on the Indiana-Ohio line, one-half mile north of State Road #26 until they bought a farm one-half mile south of Bellefountain. All furniture, machinery and livestock were included in the sale. A few years later John Jacob grew homesick for Germany and on the spur of the moment sold the farm to Henry Stuber, but regretting the sale bought a neighoring farm and stayed. When son Jacob was married he bought the farm back from Henry Stuber and Jacob lived there until he moved to the John Nickerson farm one mile east of his home. A fourth child, Anna, was born to John Jacob and Elizabeth Heidegger after coming to the United States.

Mary Heidegger was born in 1883 and married Henry Fuelling of Decatur, Indiana. Three children were born to this couple: Paul, Rudolph and Lydia.

Lydia Heidegger was born in 1885, married Frank Heiby of Ft. Recovery, Ohio, and together were engaged in farming until retirement. They were parents of three children: Ernest Heiby lives in Washington D. C. and is employed in the Agricultural Dept. He married Betty Neworth, a teacher. They have two children, Donald David and Ronald Paul. Elizabeth Heiby married Herbert Kandel, a farmer of Marysville, Ohio. There are three children: Mary, Nancy and John. David Heiby married Mary Catherine Whitacre. They farm in Noble Twp. of Jay County in Indiana. They are parents of four children: Frederick, Theodore, Gayle and Sarah.

Jacob Heidegger was born 1887 and married Mabel Bartling of Portland, Indiana, and they were engaged in farming. The couple had five children: Walter Heidegger married Ruth Wiley and farms in Noble Twp. There were three children: Carl; Harold, a Lutheran minister in Eldon, Illinois. His wife is Elizabeth Heidegger, and Ann married to William Murphy; Florence Heidegger married Charles Coldren, a farmer. They have three daughters: Sharon; Marilyn and Rebecca; David Heidegger married Virginia Funk. He farms in Noble Twp. and does carpenter work. They are parents of four daughters: Christine; Anita; Marcia and Karen; Rachel Heidegger married Harold Stults. She works as a registered nurse at the Jay County Hospital. They have two children, Thomas and Nancy; Miriam Heidegger married Charles Jones engaged in wholesale heating and air-conditioning business in Anderson, Indiana. They are parents of three sons: Robert C., Brian and Christopher.

Anna Heidegger was born 1890 in Jay County, married Henry Fuelling. Anna lives in Portland, Indiana. There were three children: Alfred Fuelling married Mildred Nearon. They were parents of two children, Alice and William. They divorced and he then married Ruby Minch; Esther Fuelling married Ray Cole and three children were born: Richard, Martha and Helen. They live in Albion, Indiana; Louis Fuelling married Virginia Menchofer and farms in Noble Twp. Their son Roger is married to Annuey Vimutdtafi and is in the service in Tiawan. They have two children, Pikul and Robert.

The Heideggers all live in the same locality in Noble Twp. since the family first came to Jay County of Indiana. *Submitted by Florence Coldren.*

Hendricks

Rutger Hendricks and Gennetze Beeckman married in 1470 in Colone, Germany and had nine children: Baron married Neelze Evertson in 1524; Lambert (nicknamed Pretty Lambert) married a daughter of Manuel Y. Nadel; Cornelius married Manuel Nader Hendrickson in 1572, came to the United States in 1614, and settled in New Jersey; Daniel (1605) married Emma Von Guelder; Utrult married Williamje Von Kelp in 1674; Garrett married Elizabeth Parkheus.

There was a tradition of public service in the Hendricks tribe, based on leadership, energy and character, and evidenced through the generations.

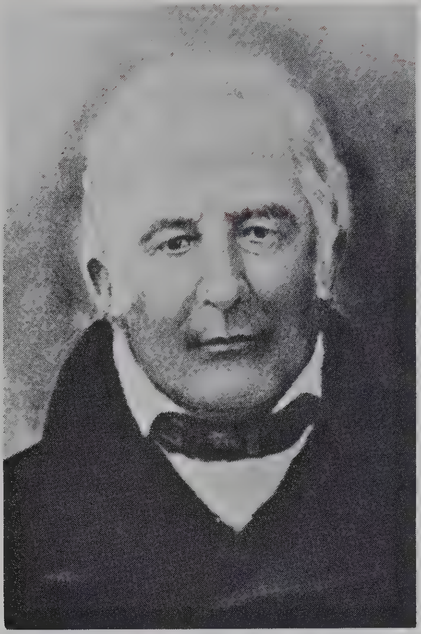
Gerhard Hendricks, son of Pietra Hendricks of German decent, and his wife, Mary, came from Holland to America in 1665 and settled in Germantown, Pennsylvania. They had three children: Willhminti William, Lambert and Sarah. Captain Gerhard Hendricks and another officer and some American soldiers tried to dislodge a cannonball that the British had set up on the street. Hendricks went up to the second floor of a building while the soldier was drawing a bead on a British commander. A stray shot went through his chest and he staggered back a few steps and expired in 1700. William Hendricks son of Gerhard Hendricks had one son, Daniel. William fought against the British soldiers. He was very bitter to them, as he wanted freedom for America and because they had killed his father. He owned land in Germantown, Pa. and was quite religious. Daniel Hendricks, son of William Hendricks, had two children, Abraham and William. He fought in the Revolutionary War with George Washington. His son was killed in Quebec in 1775.

Abraham Hendricks (1749-1819), son of Daniel Hendricks, married Ann Jameison (1752-1834). They lived near Ligonier, Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania. They owned 1000 acres of land on the north side of Hendricks Creek, which was some land from the government. Ann Jameison was the great-grandmother of President Andrew Johnson. They had nine children: Thomas; Daniel; Rachel; William; Abraham; Jameison; Mary; John and Ann. He fought in the Revolutionary War and fought from Fort Palmer seven miles north of Ligonier, Pa. He was county clerk in Westmoreland County, Pa., also a notary for life. He was grandfather to the Vice President of the United States, Thomas A. Hendricks. Abraham's war records were: year 1777 Lieutenant; 1789 Colonial 3rd Batallion; 8th Company; 1819 Sr. Esquire. He died in 1819. His son Abraham had a son Thomas who married Elizabeth Trimble, their daughter Ann Hendricks married Jacob Stewart; their daughter Eliza Jane Stewart married Henry Saunders; their son William Potts Saunders married Estella Jane Grant; their daughter Jessie Saunders married Charles Edwin Warner; their son Charles William Curtis Warner married Gladys May Smith, and they have a daughter Margaret Warner Stewart of Albian, Iowa. *Submitted by Luella DeBolt.*

Governor William Hendricks

Governor William Hendricks, the son of Abraham Hendricks, had nine children: Joseph; Sarah; William; John; Josiah; Paul; Thomas; Mary and Ellen. He was born at Fort Palmer, Pa. in 1782 and died suddenly at his farm near Madison, Indiana in 1850 and buried at Madison. He married Ann Paul and was an uncle to the Vice President of the United States., Thomas A. Hendricks. His son, William, went to college at Cannonbury, Pa. He came to the Indiana territory in 1812 to get Indiana organized for statehood. He was Speaker of the House at Vincennes. At the Constitutional Convention in 1813, he was made Secretary of the Territorial Legislature, which met in Corydon in 1814. He was made secretary of the Constitutional Convention in June 1816 in Corydon. In August 1816, he was elected first and solo representative to Congress for three successive terms until 1822, when he was elected Governor of the State of Indiana from 1822 until 1825. He was elected senator of the U.S. in 1825-1837. He was a school teacher, attorney and contractor. He had real estate and farms at Madison, Indiana. He attended Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, also owned the second newspaper in Indiana.

Joseph (Joel) Hendricks, son of Governor William Hendricks, married Rebecca Potts and they had five children: Jacob; Elijah; Meshach; Bozel and Franklin. Dr. Joseph Hendricks was raised at Madison, Indiana and died in 1861. He went ot Auburn, Indiana and served one term as county treasurer and then moved to Newville, Indiana. He purchased several farms and city real estate properties. He was principal of Newville Academy from 1852-1861. He served as a mathematician, teacher and farmer. His son Franklin was killed in the Civil War. Jacob Hendricks (1819-1891), son of Joseph (Joel) Hendricks, married Elizabeth Walters (1819-1887). They had two children, Joseph and Byron. Jacob had an education through erudition and was a farmer and a contractor in Decatur, Indiana. He was a volunteer of the Civil War in 1862 for three years. He was shot and disabled in 1865 while serving with Company I of the 89th regiment, and was buried in Union Chapel Cemetery. Joseph Alfred Hendricks (1846-1900), son of Jacob Hendricks, married Sarah E. Drake (1846-1916) in 1868. They had six children: Mary Belle; Clara; Bertrum; Theodore; John Adam and Dennis. He was a farmer, owner and operator of a sawmill east of Berne, Indiana and a sheriff in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was a volunteer of the Civil War and served with Company I, 51st Regiment. He was wounded and disabled in 1865 and buried in the Studebaker Cemetery southwest of Berne, Indiana.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William Hendricks

Mary Belle Hendricks (1870-1933), daughter of Joseph and Sarah Drake Hendricks, attended school up to the third grade as there was no school nearby making it impossible to continue her education. In her later years, she helped in the home of her grandfather Jacob Hendricks to care for his disabled wife, Elizabeth (Walters). She continued her education in her grandfather's home studying and reading until midnight. She completed her spelling and entered a spelling bee where she spelled seven school teachers down. In 1885 Mary Belle married Andrew Jackson Myers, son of Adam and Elizabeth Myers. Mr. Myers started a meat market in 1908 and later added groceries and other varieties. Mrs. Myers, having knowledge of the future events, advised her children of the later generations;

Grocery stores package food will see
On shelves, self-serve will be.
On the air thousands mile away
Voices then you will hear.
Pictures on air will be
Each other one day will see.

By switch, electric turned on
All work will then be done.
Then much leisure will be.
Carriages without horses will go.
Seemed impossible, awesome
Incredible then, to believe.

From grocery stores of the early years
Sold by pounds, scooped from barrels
Boxes, sacks, crackers, sugar, rice
Beans, dried fruit and other foods
For customers to purchase, as needed
Then bread sold at five cents a loaf.

Clara Hendricks (1872-1906), daughter of Joseph Alfred Hendricks and Sarah E. Drake, married Homer S. Gause, born in Sidney, Ohio (1867-1953). He was the son of Ohio and Nancy (Stettler) Gause. They had five children: Malinda; Rosa; Rebecca; Joseph and Laura. After Clara passed away, Homer married the second time to Nellie E. Emerson (1907-1977). They had four children: Nellie E. Gause; Goldie B. Gause married Arthur W. Thompson. They had three children: Jack W. Thompson married Jean Gausepohl. They had three sons; Steven, Michael and Jay. Ted Thompson married Barbra Sikkenge and they had twin boys, Jeff and Greg and Debra Ann Thompson (1964). Elisha O. Gause (1913-1954) married Gertrude Womac Pontius in 1933. They had four children: Homer married Loretta Whiteman; Beverly; Sharon and Jimmy and Robert H. Gause (1925).

Malinda L. Gause, daughter of Homer and Clara Hendricks Gause, married George W. Krick in 1911. They had seven children: Dorothy (1919-1968) married Aaron Tueeuth. They had three children, Catherine, Frank and Donald; Herman (1913-1942) never married. He was in World War II and killed in a car wreck in California; Hubert (1916-1981) married Leona Koenemann in 1948, no children; Helen Krick (1919) married George Hawkins. They had two children, Delane married to Jennifer Kevin Dick and Kenneth married to Mary Hambrick. They have four children. Kenneth and his second wife, Betty Lou Simerman, had two children, Nancy married Robert Rogers and have two children; James married Joan Cleeney; Timothy is at home. Doyle H. Krick (1925) married Lois Garwood. They have three children; Betty married Charles Gregory and they have three children: Jimmy, Julie and John. Betty and her second husband, Lee Sickafus, had one daughter, Jennifer; David married Sue Williams and they have two children, David II and Kevin. Judith married Raymond Lambert and they have two children, Rayburn Jr. and Christopher. Eileen Krick (1930) married Charles Garwood. They had nine children: Linda (1949) married Jeff Chrisman. They have three children: Amy, Kim and Jeff; Dennis (1956) married Jenny Snyder, no children; Gretchen (1957) married Leonard Sutton and they have two children, Christopher and Shorty; Vonessa (1959) has one child, Tony; Janet; Paula (1963); Ruth (1965); Jane (1966) and John (1966). Roger Krick (1935) married Gloria Counterman. They had one child, Daniel. There are three children, Daniel, Tammy and Randy.

Rosa M. Gause (1892-1964), daughter of Homer and Clara Hendricks Gause, married Harry Rowland in 1887 and died in 1953. They had seven children: Pauline Ruth (1909) married Bob Snyder, they had one child, Sandy who married Moose Schafner. They have three children and live in Rockford, Ohio; Marie Thelma (1911) married Kenneth Lehman and they had one daughter, Marilyn Smith. They had three children, Annette, Jim and Rick. They live in Rockford, Ohio; Carl Bud Grant (1914) married Gertrude Dixon and they had three children, Bob, Mick and Brenda. They live in Van Wert, Ohio; John (1917) married Norma Peterson and there are two children, Ron and Kathy, one grandchild and two step-grandchildren; Martha Emma (1922) married Ray Taylor of Dolgeville, New York. They had three daughters, Ann, Debbie and Susan; Louise Rose (1924) married Stan Shellabarger and they had four children: Rodney, Craig, Mick and Randy. They live in Rockford, Ohio; Betty Jean (1927) married Eugene Reish and they had three children: Douglas, Denny and Pamela living near Rockford, Ohio.

Joseph D. Gause, son of Homer and Clara Hendricks Gause (1899-1970), married Dorothy Pettitt (1917-1952). They had five children: Rowena Louise married Hugh Flesher and they had one child, Geraldine Yvonne who married Erwin Andrew Wagner. They had seven children: Lori Ann; Kevin Lawrence; Andrea Susan; Cynthia Lorraine; Keith Alan; Wendy Alison and Lisa Annette. Robert Wayne Gause married Elmira Christina Waraksa and they had seven children: Robert Wayne Gause, Jr. married Judy Ann Huffman; Stephanie Marie; Jonathon Wayne; David Michael; Diane Lynn married Virgil Dean Downs and they have two children, Jeffrey Trent and Kimberly Alison. Betty Jane Gause married Gerald Alfred Huston and they had six children: Gary Lynn Huston married Judy Gurlick; Eric Huston; Danny Lee Huston married Patricia Hunter; Betty Lou Huston married Robert Holyrod and they had one child, April Marie; June Louise Huston married William Bretts and James Leroy Huston. Josephine Winifred Gause married Ward Fredick Berger and they had eight children: Terry Lee Berger married Peggy Lee Taylor; Douglas Ward Berger; Kelly Jean Berger; Andrew Christopher Burger; Stanley Earl Berger; Sue Ella Berger who married James Allen Shellhorn and they had one child, Anthony James; Carla Jean Berger married William Ludwig III and they had one child, Amber Nichole; and Donna Mae Berger. Barbara Ann Gause married Marion Herbert McCauley and they had two children, Janelle and James Alan.

Laura L. Gause (1903-1953), daughter of Homer S. Gause and Clara Hendricks, married Woodson Ogg in 1922. They had three children: Elafage, Max and Richard. Elafage Ogg married Burl Bud Gibson and they had two children: Steven married to Jane Nicklson of Canfield, Ohio and is a psychologist in Pennsylvania; and Vicky Maple had two children, Mick and Tracy Joe. Max Ogg married Helen Owens and they had six children: Becky; Terry married Donna Morrison and they have three children, Mariessa, Shellie and Marsha. Neil married Mary Hammond and they have twins, Janet and Joyce and Jill, a child adopted in 1979 when only two days old. Richard Ogg married Arlene Rawley, daughter of Winston and Martha (Noll) Rawley. They had five children: Pamela married Daniel Strickler and they have one child. Cynthia married Richard Roop and they had three children. Michael married Jackie Stutler and they had one child. Also, Rick and Michelle Ogg.

Theodore Alfred Hendricks (1877-1931) married Elizabeth Margaret Koeing (1880-1968) in 1901. They had ten children: Fredrick Theodore (1916) never married; John Julius; Ida Nora; Theodore Thomas; Clydia LeRoy (1912-1914); Harvey Joseph; Julius Martin; Walter Joseph; Ada Mae and Lola Lucille. John Julius Hendricks (1904-1971) married Verna Biberstein. John J. is buried in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Decatur, Indiana, in Adams County. They had eight children: Robert Hendricks (1926) married Norma Woodbury in 1952, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woodbury of Portland, Indiana. They have six children: Debbie (1953) married Tony Mack and they have two children, Chad Anthony and Tiffany Shanteil; Candance Eria Hendricks (1955) married Timothy Roth and they have one child, Timothy Joshua; Joy Ellen Hendricks (1956) married Ray Myers; Robert Allen Hendricks (1957); Gary Lee Hendricks (1963) and Pamela Jean Hendricks (1967). Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks live in Marion, Indiana, and they both are pilots. Melvin Hendricks; Harold Hendricks; Betty Hendricks married Jule Duke; Harvey Hendricks; Gloria Hendricks married Larry Speith and Patria Hendricks married Jerry McCogg.

Ida Nora Hendricks (1906-1981) married Cleophas LeRoy Lehman (1895-1981). She was a native of Adams County and attended the Berne High School and then Ball State University. Ida and her husband Roy resided in Decatur, Indiana before moving to Muncie, Indiana in 1944. Mrs. Lehman had a tax auditing business in her home prior to retirement. Ida and Roy are buried in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Decatur, Indiana.

Theodore Thomas Hendricks (1909-1973) married Thelma McFarland.

Harvey Joseph Hendricks (1914-) married Florence Willer and they had one child, Harvey Allen who married Phyillis and they have four children: Mary, Nancy, Roy and Marie and three grandchildren. They all live near Stone Lake, Wisconsin.

Julus Marin Hendricks (1917-) married Mary Zigler and they had one child, one adopted child, James and Jean, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They all live around Eaton, Indiana.

Walter Joseph Hendricks (1919-) married Velma Brewer, no children. They live in Greenville, Ohio.

Ada Mae Hendricks (1923-) married Arvin William of Winchester, Indiana. They have three children: Theodore William married Sandra Daffler and they have two children, Mark and Micheal; Diana William married Thomas Wisener, no children and Christopher S. William married Julie Green and they have one child, Christopher Jr.

Lola Lucille Hendricks (1925-) married George Chenoweth of Charlotte, Michigan, and they have four children: Julie Chenoweth married Douglas Murry and they have two children, Troy and Shawn; Kathy Chenoweth married Douglas Fuering and they have one child, Stephine; William Chenoweth married Linda Olivieri and James Chenoweth married Carol Kreiner.

John Adam Hendricks (1879-1942) son of Joseph Alfred Hendricks and Sarah E. Drake married Elizabeth Anna Topp (1882-1950) in 1899, daughter of Hubert and Elizabeth Redecker Topp, born in Germany. They had twelve children and all but two remained in Adams County: Alice; Mary; Pearl; Sarah; Cora; Joseph; Josephine; Jim; Elmer; Charles; C. (Dick); Richard L. and Herman. John and Elizabeth are buried in the Studebaker Cemetery southwest of Berne, Indiana. Alice Hendricks married Martin Murphy (1891-1968). They had four children: Virginia Homan; Mildred Minnich; Dorothy Gromeaux and Patty Tricarico. Martin is buried in the St. Mary Catholic Cemetery east of Geneva, Indiana, in Adams County. Mary (1900-1965) married Charles Affolder and they had six children: John; Rosella; Virgil; Florence; Vera and Donald. John Charles Affolder (1918-1959) married Evelyn Marlene Klingenberger (1920) in 1941. They had three children: Carolyn Sue Affolder (1942) married James Bowman of Decatur, Indiana; Larry Dale Affolder (1944) and his wife live in Decatur and Jack Lee Affolder (1947) and wife live in Decatur. John Affolder passed away and Evelyn married Mr. Parrish. Rosella Affolder (1922) married Darel Cookson (1917-1969). They had three children: Dennis Cookson (1946) married Karen Sowards and they had one child, Lucas; Darrel Cookson; Sandra Cookson (1947) married Marlin Springer and they have two children, Amy and Keith; Vickie Cookson (1951) married DeWayne Baker and they have one child, Tony Girod. Virgil LeRoy Affolder (1920) married Mary Ellen Beck (1919) and they have two children, Steven Lynn (1944) married Judith Ellen Hirsch and they have one child, Kriss Shannon (1975) and Gary Lee Affolder (1949) married Kathleen Jo Hirschy and they have two children, Corey Lee (1974) and Jill Ellen (1977). Florence Affolder married Jim Teeple and they have one daughter. Vera Lucille Affolder (1924) was married in 1942 to Horbert McKinley Spencer (1923). They had three sons: Roger Allen, Robert Wayne and Rex Allen. Roger Allen (1944) married Charolotte Gephart. They have two children, Roger Scott and Stephanie Sue. They live in Decatur. Robert Wayne (1948) was married in 1971 to Sharlene Merriman (1951) and have two children, Julie Lynn (1972) and Robin Lynn (1978). They live in Decatur. Rex Allen (1953) was married to Gill Sands (1954) and have two children, Zachary Lee (1977) and Justin Charles (1979). They live in Bluffton, Indiana. Pearl Hendricks (1902-1968), daughter of John and Elizabeth Topp Hendricks, married Vinton Ray. Vinton passed away in 1940 and Pearl married John Shaw in 1948 and he passed away in 1959. Mr. and Mrs. Ray had three children: George E.; Chester W. and Doris (Geraldine) Morin. Pearl and husband are buried in the Studebaker Cemetery southwest of Berne, Indiana. Sarah Hendricks (1904-1971) is buried in the Studebaker Cemetery. Cora Hendricks (1906-1971) married Eddie McFarland (1900-1981). They have two daughters, Imogene Abbott and Edith Cole. Cora and Eddie are buried in the Decatur Cemetery, Decatur, Indiana, in Adams County.

Imogene (1928) married Wendell Abbott and they have four children: Eileen married Dan Funk and they have two children, Julie and Tiffany; Debra married Brian Diehl; Kevin; and Rena, who married Rex Reynolds. Edith (1932) married Dave Cole. He owns and operates the Dave Cole Photography of Decatur, Indiana, and they have six children: Eric Cole married Jan Voirol and they have three children: April, Chris, and Steve; Grey Cole; Brent Cole; Valeve Cole; Karen and Paul Cole. Joseph Hendricks (1908-1959) married Dorothy Mann and they had two children, Jim and Scherlene Brown. Later Mr. Hendricks married Esther Smith and they had one child, Ronnie who married Bonnie White, daughter of Paul and Marjorie (Myers) White. Ronnie and Bonnie have two children, Ronda Renea (1970) and Steven Joseph (1971). Ronnie works at General Tire Co. of Marion, Indiana. Joseph worked as a plumber in the City of Portland, Indiana, where he lived. He is buried in the Studebaker Cemetery southwest of Berne, Indiana. Josephine Hendricks (1913) married Doyle Hendricks and lives in Dayton, Ohio. They have three children: Anna; Eileen and Dennie. Ann Hendricks (1938) married Deaton Custer, no children. Eileen Hendricks

(1940) married Richard Allen Zacharias and they had three children: Lora L. (1964); Derek J. (1965) and Scott V. (1968). Dennie Hendricks and wife Barbara had two children, Tonya and Lisa. Jim Hendricks (1914-1932) died after diving into a shallow gravel-pit east of Berne, Indiana, breaking his neck. He lived only a few days after the accident. Elmer Hendricks (1915-1979) worked 30 years for the Citizen Telephone Co. of Decatur, Indiana. He is buried in the Studebaker Cemetery southwest of Berne, Indiana. Charles C. (Dick) Hendricks (1917-1981), son of John A. and Elizabeth (Topp) Hendricks, was married in 1937 to Nolda Agler, daughter of Glen and Eva Scoles Agler. They had two children, Dean E. and Jana Lee. Mr. Hendricks was a well-known Berne, Indiana native, businessman and owner of Hendricks Electric since 1954. He was a member of the Bethel Brethren Church in Berne and a veteran of World War II. He was always helpful to everyone. Dean E. Hendricks, born 1938, married Myrna Jane Habegger, they had three children: Lori Jean, TariJo and Steven Charles. Dean is in the sales department at C.T.S. of Berne, Indiana. Myrna is a registered nurse for Dr. Robert L. Boze of Berne. Charles is buried in M.R.E. Cemetery west of Berne, Indiana in Adams County. Jana Lee Hendricks, born 1946, married David A. Wynn. She is a housewife and waitress. David is a foreman at C.T.S. of Berne. They have two sons, Michael David and Mark Douglas Wynn.

Richard L. Hendricks (1920-1971) lived in Decatur, Indiana and drove a school bus in the city. Herman Hendricks (1924-1977) lived in Gary, Indiana. He married Jannette Sowards and they had five children: John Hendricks married Margaret and they had three children, Jack, Julie and Becky; Ruth Allison Hendricks had six children. The names of two are Donna and Tracy; David Hendricks and wife Carol had four children: Karen; Tami; Kathy and Herman Scott; Jean and Wilma Hendricks. Herman worked 31 years loading boats for the Rail to Water Transfer Co. in Gary, Indiana. *Submitted by Luella DeBolt.*

Jehu Hiatt Family

Jehu Ellis Hiatt was born in Green Township, Jay County, Indiana on June 4, 1844. He was the son of William and Martha Jackson Hiatt. William married Martha Jackson on September 2, 1826 in Guillford County, N.C. After the wedding, William and Martha moved by wagon to Wayne County, Indiana and William set up and operated a blacksmith shop in Fountain City, Indiana. In 1841, they moved to a farm in Jay County Indiana. Martha Jackson was the daughter of Elijah Jackson, a North Carolina farmer; she was a cousin of "Stonewall" Jackson, the Civil War General. The Hiatt lineage in America is traced back to 1699 in an extensive unpublished report prepared by Tony Hiatt, Jehu's great grandson in Indianapolis in 1978. Jehu's name also appears on page 212 among the fifth generation Hiatts in a book published about 1950 by the Jesse Hiatt Family Association of Payson, Utah. William and Martha had seven children: Jasper, Elwood, Jehu, William, Mary, Martha and Louisa. Jehu served in the Civil War from October 1862 to July 1863 in Co. M, 45th Regiment of the Indiana Cavalry. A year later he re-enlisted and served in the 140th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was a sergeant at the end of the war.

Jehu and Adeline Hiatt

Jehu married 16 year old Adeline Starr on November 27, 1870. Her father, Jacob Starr was born March 17, 1813 in Berkely County, West Virginia. Jacob married Angeline Wright in 1843 in Greene County, Ohio and the Starrs, with two children, moved to Green Township, Jay County Indiana in 1846. Adeline was born in Green Township on October 29, 1854. The handsome brick house that Jacob built near Blaine is described in an article in the October 16, 1976 Commercial Review of Portland, Indiana.

Jehu and Adeline were the parents of eleven children: Mary (or Molly)(9-28-71; 7-3-42), Sophronia (1-27-73; 10-26-79), Luther (2-24-75; 5-12-60), Bertha (3-25-77; 9-6-59), Arthur (who died young), Walter (2-17-83; 5-1-53), Chester (9-10-83; 3-4-45), Clarence (2-7-86; 2-24-54), Roy (5-28-88; 10-16-52) and the twins Harold (who died young) and Howard (8-5-92; 12-9-55).

About three years after their marriage Jehu and Adeline acquired their first land, a 160 acre farm one mile west of Center Church. Jehu was a big, strapping man and a respected and successful farmer. His farm grew to 200 acres; gas wells on the farm provided heat and light. He developed one of the best apple and cherry orchards in the area. He and his family attended and were leaders in the Center United Brethern Church; most of the Hiatt forebears had been Quakers. Center Church had a large and active congregation during these years. The annual children's day activities were always prepared under Adeline's expert guidance. As Jehu's sons and daughters grew older and were married, all of them settled on farms in or near Green Township. After Jehu and Adeline died (1916 and 1917 respectively) Walter purchased the Hiatt homestead and for a time all of Jehu's children lived on nearly adjacent farms within two miles or so of Center Church. The accompanying photograph shows Jehu and Adeline in their later years. Farming was the principal activity of Jehu's children but they also contributed in other ways to the local community. Walter taught school for a while and later was a commissioner in Jay County. Luther served two terms as trustee of Green Township. Roy was well known as a breeder of registered Jersey cattle and as an auctioneer. Chester, Clarence, Roy and Howard were known over a wide area as the Hiatt Brothers Quartet. They sang at many church and community gatherings, usually accompanied on the piano by Jehu's granddaughter, Helen Lorton Siders. Now a brief word about the families of the eight sons and daughters of Jehu that grew to adulthood.

Molly married Charles Lorton (5-11-89); they had three sons and three daughters. After the death of Charles, she married James Silvers; they had two daughters.

Luther married Elnora Shultz (4-22-99); they had seven sons and five daughters. A history of the Luther Hiatt family is included elsewhere in this book.

Bertha married Lewis Myers (12-16-96); they had four sons and one daughter.

Walter married Blanche Thornburg (12-24-04); they had one son and one daughter. After Blanche died, Walter married Edith Brown.

Chester married Ola Banta (10-31-15); they had one son, Chester Jr. who is a Jay County farmer and presently a commissioner in the county.

Clarence married Inez Barnett (12-1-07); they had one son, Everett, also a Jay County farmer. Everett was drowned on his farm east of Portland during the unusual 1957 flood in that area.

Roy married Iva Banta (12-23-11); they had no children. Iva is the only one in this generation of the Jehu Hiatt family still living.

Howard married Bertha Lawson (11-25-15); they had one daughter. *Submitted by Ralph Hiatt.*

John L. Hiatt

Mr. and Mrs. John Hiatt, 220 East Union Street, Portland, were born in Fort Recovery, Mercer County, Ohio, but John's parents were both born in Jay County. His father, Morton Hiatt, was born in Greene Township on November 6, 1880. Lydia Grile, whom he married on October 24, 1906, was born on October 24, 1883, in Noble Township.

The Morton Hiatts moved to the Fort Recovery area, south of town, where they were farmers. They became the parents of two sons and two daughters. John, the older son, was born September 17, 1915. On April 26, 1941, he married Marabeth J. Flaler, a Fort Recovery native.

When the John Hiatts came to Indiana in 1954 with daughters, Margaret (born November 12, 1943) and Virginia (born October 20, 1948), they were then actually returning this line to Jay County. A large, two-story, white house nestled among shady groves was their new home on County Road 120 in Wayne Township; this 120-acre farm, 1½ miles east of US 27 was where they resided until moving to the Union Street address July 1966.

In addition to farming, Hiatt has clerked auctions in the Portland-Fort Recovery area, recently retiring after 45 years. His first sale was for Bert and Ruth Sherman on Road 80 of Wayne Township in 1936. However, he is propably best known for time served in public office. In 1956 he was nominated on the Republican ticket and elected Jay County Commissioner of the Middle District, an office he held 1958 thru 1960. Elected in 1960 to serve as Clerk of the Jay County Circuit Court, he held this office the maximum eight consecutive years. Also, he served one term as a member of the County Council from 1970 thru 1974. Currently he is a real estate broker licensed in Indiana (1965) and Ohio (1968).

Mrs. Hiatt taught elementary education in Jay County. In 1956-57 she taught grades two and three in Noble Township and in 1967-68 was assigned in Madison Township. Her other 26 years of teaching were in Mercer County, Ohio.

Both daughters followed their mother's footsteps into teaching. Margaret, after graduating from Portland High School in 1962, attended Taylor University where she earned a B.A. in elementary education in 1966. There she met her future husband, Judson Eugene Sprunger, son of Otis and Betty Sprunger of Berne, Indiana, and they married June 24, 1967. He taught in Fort Wayne where both he and Margaret completed M.A. degrees at Saint Francis College in 1970. Currently they reside northwest of Berne. After teaching mathematics at Berne High School, Sprunger now works in the Credit Department of the Farm Bureau Co-op. Margaret is completing her fourteenth year of teaching at Adams Central in Monroe. They have a son Lance (age 5) and a daughter Lana (age 19 months).

Following graduation from Portland High School in 1966, Virginia attended Manchester College but completed her B.S. in English education at Purdue University in 1970. Her M.S. is from Indiana University. Presently she is an English teacher at Haworth High School in Kokomo, Indiana, where she has taught eleven years. In February of 1973, she married Tod Glentzer, son of Darrel and Ora Glentzer of Portland. Tod, who holds a B.S. in industrial management and an associate degree in aviation maintenance technology from Purdue, worked in the personnel department of Portland Forge in 1972 after he returned from two years as a Peace Corp volunteer in Nepal. Currently he is an engineer with General Motors Corporation/Delco Electronics Division in Kokomo. They are the parents of John (age 8) and Joel (age 4).

The John Hiatts are active members of the Asbury Methodist Church and other civic organizations. They trust that their rewarding years in Jay County will continue. *Submitted by Marabeth Hiatt.*

Luther E. Hiatt Family

Luther Ervin Hiatt was born in Green Township, Jay County, Indiana on February 24, 1875, the first son of Jehu and Florence Adeline Starr Hiatt. Their history and additional information on their forebears is given elsewhere in this book. A more complete history, tracing the Hiatt family back to 1699, was prepared by Luther's grandson, Tony Hiatt, in 1978. As a boy, Luther worked on his father's farm and attended school at Timberlake. After finishing there, he had some additional schooling at the Portland Normal School. On April 22, 1899, Luther married Elnora Esther Shultz, a Green Township farm girl he had known most of his life. She was the daughter of William and Samantha Shultz whose history is also included in this book. Elnora, better known as Nora, was born July 7, 1874; she attended grade school in a wood frame building located where Center Church now stands. Later she attended the Portland Normal School and then taught school six years before her marriage.

About the time of their marriage, Luther and Nora bought a 40-acre farm with some help from Nora's teaching savings. The farm was located just south of Jehu's farm at the intersection of Jay County roads 77 and 104. Their first child, Gleah, was born March 14, 1900. Ernest was born May 5, 1901 followed by Vergil on October 7, 1902. In 1903, or there abouts, the family sold this farm and bought one two and one half miles south west of Portland, near College

Taken about 1922; Luther and Nora with their eleven children. Front row: Nora, Herbert, Irene, Lisabeth, Lloyd and Luther. Back row: Ralph, Vergil, Mary, Russell, Gleah, Ernest and Ruth.

Corner. Russell was born here February 15, 1904 and the fourth son, William Ervin, was born October 1, 1905 but he lived only 27 days. Then came two daughters, Mary, born January 13, 1907 and Ruth, born October 29, 1908. During this time Luther was moderately prosperous in his farming activities. However, in the 1908-1909 period, the family lived for a year in a log cabin on a farm southeast of Blaine; the farm was rented from a Mr. Brubaker.

In 1909, Luther and Nora bought an 80 acre farm on Jay County road number 100, just ¼ mile west of Center schoolhouse in Green Township. The family lived here, except for a brief interlude, for many years. Four more children were born there: Ralph, April 12, 1910; Irene, December 19, 1911; Herbert, July 2, 1913 and Lisabeth, May 19, 1916. During this period, Luther had been investigating the possibility of obtaining a larger farm in another state. In 1918, with money he inherited from his father, he "purchased" a large farm in Butler County, Missouri. In March 1918, the family along with some of their cattle moved to Missouri by train. Once there they found that the land salesmen had misrepresented the facts and it was impossible to get title to the land. Soon most of the family began to have periods of illness because of malaria. With this and the land fraud experience, the family became completely disenchanted with Missouri and by the end of 1918 they were back in Indiana. They had one blessing, however, from their Missouri adventure; their last child, Lloyd was born there May 27, 1918.

Shortly after returning to Indiana the family reoccupied their home west of Center School. During the following years, times were very hard for the family. With many mouths to feed and low farm prices, Luther was barely able to keep up with the payemnts of taxes and interst. Luther and Nora were very religioius and always had faith that they would manage to get by. The Hiatts never missed a Sunday at the Center U.B. Church. For many years, Nora taught the Women's Sunday School Class and she organized the missionary society at Center and was it's president until her death. Nora also served as a Lay Leader of the church and she and Luther were among the most faithful leaders of the congregation as their parents had been before them. Luther and Nora were devoted parents and tireless in their efforts to teach and inspire their children with Christian ideals and with a desire for a good education.

Their example and teaching must have been effective, especially with respect to education, as nine of the children graduated from college and earned one or more college degrees. College was not possible for the two older children because of the stringent circumstances. Vergil attended Indiana University and all that came after him attended Indiana Central University. The economic pinch was severe; all of the children worked while in school and the younger ones received financial help from those who had already been graduated.

To help supplement his farm income, Luther served two terms as trustee of Green Township (1935-1943). A major tragedy occured in the family when Nora died, April 7, 1937. Luther married Florence Tyndall of Pennville in 1940. Florence died September 3, 1955 and Luther lived alone on the farm until shortly before his death on May 12, 1960 at the age of 85.

Gleah was the first of the children to marry; she married Harry Jay Peterson January 23, 1923. Jay, as he was usually known, farmed for a while in Jay County. He then worked as a maintenance foreman for Armstrong Cork in Dunkirk until his accidental death there on October 18, 1955. Their children were Harry Jr., James, Gene, Joanne and John. All became successful in various activities in or near Jay County.

Ernest married Iva Reagen on June 3, 1939. Ernest worked for a time on Jay County farms but most of his work was in Muncie.

Vergil married Marie Rowls, a Jay County native who taught in Portland High School before their marriage on August 13, 1927. Vergil was a professor of classical languages at the College of Wooster in Ohio. Later he taught for several years at Butler University and is now Professor Emeritus at Butler. Their children are Richard and

Margaret.

Russell married Mary King on August 15, 1934. After graduating from Indiana Central Russell studied for the ministry at Bonebrake Theological Seminary and at Yale University. The churches he served included the U.B. churches at Dunkirk, Hartford, City, Terre Haute and Muncie. Their children are Ruth and Julia. Russell died May 19, 1978.

Mary Hiatt married James Crawford on July 18, 1942. She taught in Green Township schools at Center and Walnut Corner and later in the Dayton, Ohio schools. Following this, she worked as an editor for the Air Force Logistics Command at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base. James died August 11, 1975.

Ruth married Orville Glassburn on October 18, 1933; she taught school in Green Township at Center and Walnut Corner and later at Petroleum, Redkey and Portland, Indiana. She was Jay County Attendance Officer from 1946 to 1954. Their children are Kate and Jane. Orville died October 27, 1942 and Ruth married Francis Hummer (June 1954). Ruth died October 28, 1967.

Ralph married Elloise Kunz on June 16, 1940. Ralph taught at Portland High School and in the Richmond school system. During WW II he worked at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; he is now Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan. Their children are Robert, David and Jean.

Irene married Duane Struble on April 5, 1942. Prior to her marriage she taught at the Beaver Hill School in Knox Township and later in Redkey. Afterwards, she taught for several years near Bryan, Ohio. Their children are Ellen, Judy and Shirley.

Herbert married Elnora Freshley on August 28, 1938. After teaching a few years in New Mexico, Herbert worked for many years as a chemist at the U.S. Rubber Company in Indianapolis. Their first child, Linda, died young; their other children are Sue, Daniel, Thomas and Jerry.

Lisabeth married Everett Taylor, the son of a Jay County farmer; they were married May 28, 1939. Their children are Ann and Lois; the latter is the wife of a Portland dentist. Lisabeth taught in Green Township schools and at Pennville. She also served two years as Jay County Attendance Officer. Everett, in addition to his farming activities, worked at the Jay Garment Company. At the time of his retirement there, he was Vice President in charge of production. He served 3½ years in the Army during WW II.

Lloyd married Treva Shoemaker November 21, 1941. Their children are Steve, Sarah and Tony. Lloyd taught school and served as administrator in the Indianapolis area for several years. At the time of his retirement he was Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Lawerence Township, Marion County, Indiana. Lloyd served two years in the Navy during WW II.

Space limits imposed on this summary make it impossible to properly document the achievements of the 26 grandchildren of Luther and Nora. The youngest of the grandchildren will soon graduate from Purdue with a degree in engineering. Others are successful in business, as teachers, scientists, university professors, farmers, doctors and lawyers. The grandparents would have been proud of the stature and achievements of each of them. *Submitted by Ralph E. Hiatt.*

Cleo and Mary Hidy—50th Wedding Anniversary—May 22, 1975.

Cleo R. Hidy

Cleo Roosevelt Hidy was born August 8, 1900 in Blackford County. Cleo's parents were Oscar Matthew and Daisy (Rowe) Hidy. Oscar's parents were Nathan and Cynthia Ann (Guano) Hidy. Cynthia was a native of Ohio and a daughter of Samuel and Maria (Mullen) Guano who were of English and Irish ancestry. Nathan was born in Fayette Co. West Virginia and came to Fayette Co., Ohio when he was two years old. He came to Jay County in approximately 1860. Nathan's parents were George and Susan (Wermer) Hidy, whose parents were natives of Germany. George's father was John Hidy and Susan's father was William Wermer.

Cleo's family moved to Dunkirk, In. when he was three or four years old. He had six sisters and one brother Elmer who died in infancy. Eba married Finely Hiestand, Opal married David Manor, Elizabeth married William McCamish. Edith married George Coon, Martha married Charles Bell, (she died leaving two children) so Charles then married Olive Hidy.

Cleo married Mary Evelyn Houck on May 22, 1925, in Portland at the United Brethern Parsonage. Rev. J. H. Nall officiated. Mary was born in Green Twp., Jay Co. on January 30, 1904, the daughter of Lysander Monroe (Rowe) Houck and Ida Grace (Robinson) Houck. They took up housekeeping on the Evan David Robinson farm one and one half miles east of Pennville where Mary still lives. Cleo passed away on September 8, 1976 and he is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Pennville, Indiana. To this union three sons were born, Tom, Richard and Dan.

Tom Roe was born January 29, 1929. He married Zola (Taylor) on December 17, 1950. To this union were born three children. Dale R. was born on November 2, 1951. He married Charlotte (Smith) on March 1, 1975. They have two children, Christopher and Matthew. Kathryn L. was born July 19, 1953. She married Michael Grile on April 12, 1975. They have one daughter, Sarah. Nancy J. was born January 9, 1961. She married Donald Culy on September 5, 1981.

Richard Dale was born January 20, 1932. He married Peggy (Zimmerman) on February 24, 1952. To this union were born four children. Richard Jr. was born May 17, 1954. He married Constance (Lauffer) on May 16, 1975. They have two children, Charles and Janel. Sue was born November 30, 1956. Mona was born March 17, 1958. She married Neil Eddleman on July 9, 1976. Alan was born on March 9, 1959.

Dan Lee was born on May 21, 1934. He married Ruby (Twigg) on June 19, 1955. To this union were born three children. Steven was born October 21, 1956. He married Debra (Avey) on June 12, 1976. Donna was born on November 4, 1958. She married Randy Betz on June 24, 1978. They have one daughter, Christy Sue. Bruce was born on September 23, 1962.

Cleo Hidy had been in the oil business all his life. He also farmed on the side. In 1930 Cleo started in the oil business in Montpelier, Ind. The station closed in the depression era. In 1934 he came to Portland with the Farm Bureau driving a delivery truck. From there he went to White Rose, then Phillips 66, then Shell in the 1950's. From Shell evolved Hidy Oil Company, a Shell jobber. Tom and Zola Hidy currently operate it. Hidy Oil is located north of Portland on U.S. 27. *Submitted by Cleo Hidy.*

Hinkle

Marguerite Elizabeth (Miller) Hinkle, the second daughter of Charles and Grace (Bennett) Miller, was born in Noble Township, Jay County, on September 17, 1908. She was admitted to practice law on her twenty-first birthday and later was elected Prosecuting Attorney. In 1941 she married Wayne Warren Hinkle, a native of Carroll County, Indiana, who was also a lawyer.

They are the parents of two children, William Wayne Hinkle and Martha Grace (Hinkle) Nill. William is an attorney and was married to Cheryl Love, of South Bend, in 1969. They have two children, Wade Weston and Whitney Lauren Hinkle. They reside in Jay County.

Martha Grace Hinkle married John G. Nill, of Ft. Wayne, in 1973 and they are the parents of two children, John Christopher and Ryan Gregory Nill. Martha Grace is a teacher and her husband is a Certified Public Accountant. They are also residents of Jay County. *Submitted by Marguerite Hinkle.*

Jacob Hiser

The Jacob Hiser family was one of the early settlers of Greene Township in Jay County. He was born in Licking County, Ohio in 1809; and along with his wife, Elizabeth, and their three sons, moved to Jay County in 1838. Henry, George Washington, and Levi were five, three, and one year of age, respectively, at that time. Elizabeth was born in 1809 to Henry and Susan (Hully) Claycomb in Berkley County, Virginia. Levi died the following year and two more children were born to Jacob and his wife. They were William (1840) and Mary M. (1844). William served as a soldier in Company H, 140th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.

Elizabeth (Claycomb) died in 1845, and later that year Jacob was married to Elizabeth Roby. She was born in 1815 in Harden County, Virginia; and, along with her parents, moved to Licking County, Ohio in 1825. Jacob and Elizabeth had one son, Silas, born in 1846.

Jacob spent his life on the farm. He also held several public offices, and was one of the first trustees of Greene Township, filling this office for nearly 15 years. He donated the lot for the United Brethren Church, west of Green Post Office on the north side of what is now known as road 120.

Silas was a farmer and a stock dealer. He also served as a substitute rural mail carrier for the Postal Service. In 1866 he was united in marriage to Martha Jane Mills, born in 1846, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (LaFollette) Mills. To this union five children were born. Only one of these lived to reach maturity. This was Jacob Oliver, born in 1869, and passed away in 1947.

Silas died in 1929; his wife, Martha Jane in 1927. With the exception of Jacob Oliver, all of these members of the Hiser family were interred in Claycomb Cemetery.

Frederick Walter Hisey

Frederick Walter Hisey was born in Adams County, Indiana November 3, 1897, to Frank and Mary Lowry Hisey. He was one of eleven children born to them. On December 24, 1919, he was married to Adda Florence Ketchum, daughter of Marion and Carrie May Barr Ketchum.

Adda was a teacher at the Hisey School and also taught at the Kelly School in Adams County. Three children were born to them. Winifred who married Burton Brinkerhoff, Robert who married Sarah Ellen Thomas and Margery who married Donald Brinkerhoff.

In 1929 they moved to Portland where their three children attended elementary school and graduated from Portland High School. Fred worked at the Rockledge Quarry and Adda was employed at the Jay Garment. One of his sisters, Mrs. William R. Smith and one of his brothers also lived in Portland.

Winifred worked in the office of Dr. J. E. Nixon and the Chamber of Commerce before her marriage to Burton Brinkerhoff at the West Walnut Church of Christ. She furthered her education by taking short courses at Purdue in nutrition and became a school dietician and later supervisor of one of Lazarus Indianapolis Restaurants. They have three daughters and five grandchildren. Her husband Burton is a retired teacher and Superintendent of Schools and they still make their home in Indianapolis.

Robert married Sarah Ellen Thomas while serving in the U.S. Air Force. Later he graduated from Tri State College in Engineering and moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and from there to Dallas, Texas. Robert is employed by Gardner-Denver, a firm that designs and makes the largest drilling rigs available. He has traveled all over the world for the company and is responsible for the patents of many special designs for special jobs. They have four children and one grandchild.

Margery attended Ball State University before her marriage to Donald Brinkerhoff. After the birth of their four children, she returned to school and earned her degree in Nursing from Indiana University. At present, they are living in Glashutten, West Germany where her husband Donald was sent by his company, Delco Electronics, to develop the Acustical Systems for the Automotive Industry. They have four children and one grandchild.

Fred and Adda lived on West Main Street until his death September 11, 1956. Adda passed away November 30, 1959. They are buried in Green Park Cemetery. As testimony to their interest in self-improvement and the need for higher education, all of their grandchildren have received or are working on their college degrees. *Submitted by Donald Brinkerhoff.*

Commodore Perry Hodge

Bessie Beatrice Kinsey, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D.S. Kinsey, was born November 19, 1878, and married Commodore Perry Hodge, the son of John and Sarah Hodge of Pike Township. They were the parents of Mary M. (Mrs. Steven Orville Younce), John Lawrence, Mabel M. (Mrs. H. Dwight Thornburg), Perry Frederick, Paul K., and Ann D. (Mrs. Merl Claud Weber). The Hodges were members of the East Main Street Christian Church.

The John W. Hoffman Family

John W. Hoffman Family

John Wesley Hoffman was born on January 16, 1947 in the Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur, Indiana. He was the first son of Loren David and Mary Glee Hoffman. The family lived in Geneva, Indiana until 1949 at which time they moved south to a farm in Section 5 of Bearcreek Township in Jay County.

Childhood years were spent on the farm and soon after graduation from Bryant High School, John moved to Anderson, Indiana to begin a tool and die apprenticeship with Delco Remy.

In 1969 John married Jeanette Ashley and once again returned to Jay County.

Jeanette Irene (Ashley) Hoffman was born on December 25, 1950 at the Jay County Hospital in Portland, Indiana. She was the second daughter of Gerald (Bob) Robert Ashley and Marian Kathleen (Pensinger) Ashley.

She spent her childhood years in the rural atmosphere of Wayne Township in a home rented from Ada Pyle on Highway 22. Attending Portland schools, she graduated from Portland High School in 1969.

John and Jeanette were married in the Geneva Methodist Church in September of 1969.

Janifer Kay Hoffman was the first daughter, born on April 20, 1970, at the Jay County Hospital. On November 11, 1971 another daughter, Diane Renee Hoffman was born.

After traveling daily back and fourth from Anderson over a period of three years, the family decided to move closer to Anderson settling around the community of Chesterfield.

When it became time for the children to begin school, the family decided to once again move to Jay County.

After the death of Mary Hoffman in November of 1975, John, along with his brother Dan ventured into the farming of the land of Loren Hoffman. At some time in the future this family will probably make a final move to the farm in Bearcreek Township.

Loren D. Hoffman Family

The ancestors of this family have been traced to areas of Switzerland and Hessen-Cassel, Germany. Earliest records found in the United States were in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania in 1736. Eventually some of the descendents settled in Adams County, Ind. in 1866.

Loren David Hoffman, fourth child and second son of a family of five boys and three girls born to Noah F. Hoffman (1873-1948) and Daisy E. (Kline) Hoffman (1887-1976) was born on July 9, 1914 in Adams County, Ind.

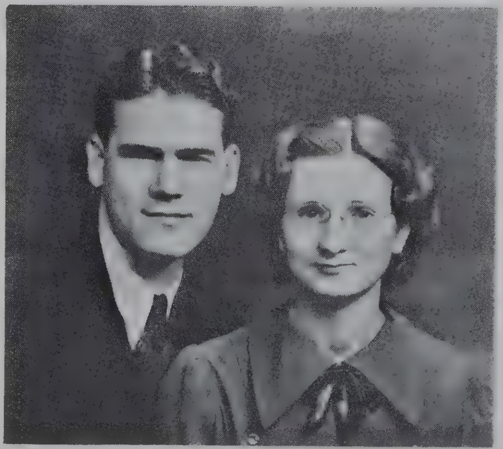
He lived the normal life of a rural youth, helping farm, milk cows, feed hogs, etc. He attended the Berne High School for three years, then transferred to Geneva High School when the family moved to Wabash Twp., Adams County. He graduated from Geneva High School in 1932. While attending Geneva High School he met his future wife, Mary Glee Hough.

Mary Glee Hough was the sixth child and third daughter of a family of three boys and four girls born to Earl D. (1880-1948) Hough and Minnie B. (Kirby) Hough (1883-1966). She was born in Adams County on Oct. 26, 1913. She graduated from Geneva High School in 1933.

Loren Hoffman and Mary Hough were married in The Geneva Methodist Church on Nov. 7, 1936 by Rev. W. B. Fallis. They lived and worked in Chicago, Ill. until 1938, then purchased a home in Geneva where they lived and worked in factories until 1949.

Loren entered the armed forces on Dec. 21, 1942 during World War II. He served in the New Guinea, South Philippines, and Luzon campaigns with the 671st Engineer Co. (Topographical) until Jan. 1946 when he was discharged with the rank of 1st Sgt. He served 21 months in the South Pacific and was awarded the Victory Medal, American Theatre Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon w/3 Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon w/2 Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct Ribbon. He also qualified as Rifle-Marksman and Carbine-Sharpshooter. He returned to the United States from Japan and was discharged from Camp Atterbury, Ind. His wife worked in the Ft. Wayne General Electric defense plant while he served in the Army.

Normal life was resumed and on Jan. 16, 1947 a son, John Wesley, was born. On Nov. 23, 1949 a second son,



Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hoffman.

Danny Lee, was born. Mindful of their rural early life and a desire to bring up their sons in a rural atmosphere they purchased 120 acres of land in Bearcreek Twp. from Milton Miller. Loren resigned as president of The Geneva Town Board and the family moved to Jay County in Dec. 1949.

Loren did factory work and farmed while the boys grew and started to school in Bryant. Mary became badly afflicted with rheumatoid arthritis, and mindful of this and two growing sons, the family erected a new home with modern conveniences in 1960. Time progressed and soon the spacious "recreation-rumpus room" basement with its' ping-pong table, trains, etc. along with the nearness of the Limberlost Ditch with its summertime swimming hole and wintertime skating rink became a popular gathering place for high school chums. Dull weekends were few and far between!

Another 20 acres of land was added to the farm, so as the boys grew and went to school they absorbed the farm work. Loren kept busy doing factory work and helping his sons farm. John graduated from Bryant High School in 1965 and went to Tool and Die Apprentice Training School in Anderson, (Delco-Remy) General Motors. He is still working there as a toolmaker. Danny graduated from Bryant High School in 1967 and went to Ball State University for his B.S. and Masters degree. He is with the Jay School Corporation. Both boys continue to love the farm and now do the farming in their spare time.

Mary passed away on Nov. 25, 1975 and is buried in the Gravel Hill Cemetery west of Bryant. Loren retired on his 65th birthday from Micro-Precision (Division of Ex-Cello Corp.) Berne, Ind. He continues to live on his beloved farm and hopes to spend the rest of his days there. His philosophy of life has been to live by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you". God has been good to this family!

Hogg

First record of Hogg family in Ireland was in 1791. Samuel Hogg was member of Remelton Presbyterian Church. Sometime between 1860-70 Charles Hogg, Sr. inherited from James Taylor farm of 104 acres plus home at Coolbuoy. John Hogg, presumably grandson of Samuel Hogg married Margaret Torrence of Doen Globe. They had three sons, John, James and Charles, one daughter, Jane. John Hogg married Catherine, daughter of Henry Park—they immigrated to America, as did brother James, settling near Bluffton, Indiana.

Charles Hogg, Coolbuoy, born in 1839, married Catherine Brigham, daughter of John and Margaret Reid, of Ramelton. Born 1844. They had four sons and four daughters who were: James Taylor, born Dec. 10, 1871, married Miss Stabel, immigrated to America, settled in Idaho. No children; Mary Dill Hogg, born Nov. 9, 1872, married Wm. Henry Fleming in 1904. Three sons, two daughters; Francis John Hogg, born September 18, 1874. Immigrated to America, worked several years, then returned to Coolbuoy. Never married. Died Good Friday 1958; Margaret Torrence, born Nov. 6, 1876, died March 28, 1922. Never married; Sarah Brigham Hogg, born Nov. 11, 1878, married Wm. Calhoun of Flemingston, Convoy, immigrated with him to America, settling in Wayne Twp., Jay County. Died June 17, 1946. One daughter, three sons; Annie Hogg, born Nov. 22, 1881, died Aug. 3, 1890; David Hogg, born March 25, 1885. Inherited the homestead in Coolbuoy in 1922, married Margaret, daughter of Oliver and Jane McClure, Flemingston, Convoy in 1929. Died in 1972. No children.

Charles Hogg, born April 23, 1888. Immigrated to America from Letterkenny, County Donnegal, Ireland, sailing on the ship Calendonia, landed in New York City, October 24, 1911. Worked in Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia five months, then came to his sister's home, Mrs. Calhoun, in Wayne Twp., Jay County. On February 3, 1916 became a naturalized American citizen and was ever proud of it. December 25, 1922 married Mabel Marie Wilkinson, daughter of Christopher C. and Lydia Ann Ross Wilkinson of Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana. They were parents of three sons and three daughters who are:

John Arthur Hogg, born October 17, 1923, who married Anna L. Shauver. Two sons, Richard L., who married Marilyn Myers, and Michael Dean; two daughters, Jane Ann who married David D. Pfeifer, and Beth Elaine who married Terry J. Richards.

Robert Francis, born September 5, 1925, who married Ruth Helen Warren. Two sons, Francis Wayne, who married Connie Furgason, and Warren Robert who married Mindy DeBolt. Ruth died in 1969. Later married Lois Jean Miller.

Rose Janette, born August 5, 1927, married Meredith E. Wolford. One son, Merrill Kent.

Charles Edward, born May 12, 1930, who married Florence Y. Thomas. One son, Thomas Edward.

Lydia Catherine, born may 21, 1934, married Anson Tingley, Jr. Four sons, Jerry Allan, David Lee, Roger Duane, and Rex Eugene.

Mary Lou, born March a25, 1940, married James W. Roth; one daughter, Joni Lanette.

Charles Hogg was a great lover of poetry and spent many happy hours composing. In later years he had the book "From Ireland to New York" published.

He passed away February 5, 1970. Buried in Weimer Cemetery in Randolph County. Charles and Mabel now have 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. *Submitted by _______ Hogg.*

Holloway

George Palmer Holloway, son of Gooding and Alma Palmer Holloway, his wife Elizabeth Carmony Holloway, and their three children: Mary Alma, George Marion, and Jacob, moved to Jay County from Ohio around 1870. George Palmers's family had migrated to Ohio from Massachusetts. The family was originally from England. The Holloway family settled in Portland and at first lived on East Main St., but in 1874 they purchased land and had a house built at 130 E. Arch Street. George P. Holloway was a harness maker and had a harness shop on N. Meridian St., where the Keep-U-Neat Cleaners now stands. He bought hides from the local farmers, tanned, cut and sewed the leather into harness at his shop. The children attended school nearby, near where the present City Hall is now located. The family attended the Presbyterian Church. George Palmer Holloway was a charter member of the Portland I.O.O.F. and was the first Noble Grand. He died in Portland in 1892.

Elizabeth Holloway in front of her home at 130 E. Arch Street, Portland. This house was built in 1874 and is still owned and occupied by descendants.

In 1881 George Marion Holloway married Susannah Waltz, daughter of Daniel and Sally Dunham Waltz, in Ceylon, Indiana where her father had a hotel. They were the parents of several children. Three of them lived to maturity: Ina, born in 1884; Emma, born in 1886; and Frank Palmer, born in 1887. They made their home on S. Pleasant St. and later moved to E. Main St. In 1889 in a period of six weeks George Marion died of Typhoid Fever and his oldest daughter died of Scarlet Fever. At the time of his death, he was Owner, Publisher, and Editor of the portland Sun—a Democratic Newspaper.

Emma Holloway married Glenn Stanton, son of Ethan K. and Susannah Conkle Stanton in 1915. They lived on East Walnut Street where the Catholic Church now stands. In 1918 they moved to the house her grandfather built in 1874 at 130 E. Arch Street, where Mrs. Stanton still resides. They were the parents of two children, Frank, born in 1916 and Susannah, born in 1918. Glenn and Emma Stanton and their two children attended the Garfield Schol on E. Arch St., where they all had the same first grade teacher, Ida Riley. Glenn Stanton was a member of the Portland City Council in 1918 and again in the 1940's. Frank Stanton married Esther Honn, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Honn of Ft. Recovery, Ohio in 1939, and moved out of the County. They presently live in Indianapolis.

Susannah Stanton married Donald E. Ayres, son of Edgar and Adda St. Clair Ayres, in 1941. They were the parents of one son, James M. Ayres, born in 1942. He married Candace O'Heron of Anderson, Indiana in 1961 and they had three daughters: Leane, born in 1962; Elaine, born in 1965; and Julie, born in 1967. He presently lives in Midland, Michigan. In 1940 Donald and Susannah Ayres built a home on E. Race Street in Portland, where they still reside. *Submitted by Susannah Ayers.*

Bernard Homan

Bernard (Ben) Homan (born 10-24-1864, died 4-21-1940) was the son of Gerhard and M. Katherina Rhein Homan of St. Anthony of Padua, Ft. Recovery, Ohio. He married Mary Ursula Diller (born 10-25-1868, died 5-05-1954) the daughter of Sebastian and Josepha Biggs Diller, also of St. Anthony.

Ben and Mary owned 100 acres and later bought 40 more acres at what is now the Sylvester Muhlenkamp farm on the west side of the Ohio/Indiana State Line on Road 50, rural route, Portland, Indiana.

The present house on the farm is the same home that Ben and Mary lived in with their daughter, Amelia (born 6-29-1897, died 9-22-1922), and son, August (born 1894, died 1955). Ben and Mary did well farming their land and raising their own food. Mary was a pint-sized busybody up at 5:00 a.m., working hard all day until 9:00 p.m. bedtime. Gradually, Ben was afflicted with rheumatoid arthritis, first getting around with crutches and a cane. As he got older, he was confined to a wheel chair. His grandchildren recall his sitting on a buck stool as he stripped cane in the cane fields.

In May 1919, Amelia married Aloys Muhlenkamp (born 2-09-1896, died 12-10-1958), and they had one son, Ralph (born 2-07-1921, died 11-11-1952). After Amelia died at age 25, Aloys remarried and moved to Dayton, Ohio. Aloys died at the age of 62. Ralph married Florine DeBrosse (born 1-23-1924, died 12-02-1972), and they had three sons, Gary, Mary, and Phillip. After Ralph died of leukemia, at the age of 32, Florine married Richard Orf who adopted Gary, Mary, and Phillip. Florine passed away with cancer at the age of 48.

Ben and Mary's son, August (Gust) married Catherine (Kate) Louise Braun (born 1894, died 1939) on June 6, 1917. She was the daughter of Jacob and Katherine Middendorf Braun, Jr. of St. Peter, Fort Recovery, Ohio. After their marriage, Gust and Kate and their family lived on the farm with Ben and Mary who turned the farm over to Gust. A couple of hired hands helped farm until Gust and Kate's ninth child, James, was born, and the family decided to move. In March of 1932, Ben, Mary, Gust, Kate and family left Indiana and moved to St. Peter, Ft. Recovery, Ohio, where Kate died of cancer at the age of 45. Ben died a year after Kate.

The children of Gust and Kate are Marvin Bernard, Esther Marie, Harold John, Robert Joseph, Levern Anthony, Alvira Theresa, Maryann Philomena, Verena Kathryn, James F., Luella Rose, Ivo Paul, and Laura Ann

Ben and Mary Diller Homan

(b. 1938, d. 1938). Marvin (b. 1918) married Mary Lou Tieken of Dayton, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Becky. Esther (b. 1919) married Leonard Link of Cassella, Ohio, and they have five sons: Jerold, Leonard, John, Tom, and Dave, and eight grandchildren. Harold (b. 1921) is married to Luella Buschur of Philothea, Ohio, and they have three children: Dan, Rick, and Cathy, and six grandchildren. Robert (b. 1923) married Jean Eichanauer of Celina, Ohio, and they are the parents of Carolyn and Robert. They also have seven grandchildren. Levern (b. 1925) is married to Joy Buschur, and their children are: Mike, Larry, Sondra, Cindy, Kris, Lisa, plus nine grandchildren. Alvira (born 1926) married Harry Massonne of Decatur, Indiana, and they have four sons: Ron, Don, Mike, and Pat, and one daughter, Karen along with two grandsons. Maryann (b. 1928) is married to Alvin Luebke of Maria Stein, Ohio, and their five children are: Kathy, Cheryl, Paulette, Ron, and Deb, and they have nine grandchildren. Verena (b. 1930) married Alvin (Peck) Goettemoeller, and they have six children: Charles, Alan, Gary, Angie, Eric, and Judy. They have four grandchildren. Jim (b. 1931) is married to Thelma Buschur of Celina, Ohio, and their five children are: Randall, Loraine, Patricia, Pamela, and Brian. Luella (b. 1933) married Eugene Reinhart of Trinity, Indiana, and they have six sons: Don, Gary, Jim, Robert, Kenneth, Dave; and two daughters, Sharon and Connie plus four grandchildren. Ivo (b. 1935) is married to Betty Brunswick of Burkettsville, Ohio, and their four children are: Keith, Brenda, Linda, and Craig. *Submitted by Mrs. Jim Homan.*

Gerhard Homan

In 1868, Gerhard Homan was born on July 9 (died 2-14-1947) to Gerhard and M. Katherina (Rhein) Homan, and on October 15, 1895 he married Catherine Muhlenkamp (born 6-3-1873, died 6-27-1944), daughter of Herman and Elizabeth Muhlenkamp. Both families lived at St. Anthony (Padua), Ohio near Ft. Recovery, Ohio, Mercer County.

After Gerhard and Catherine were married they lived on and farmed their 160 acre farm just west of the Ohio/Indiana State Line Road on Road 60, Jay County, Indiana (Route 2, Ft. Recovery, Ohio). Their home was built in 1894, the barn in 1896, and remodeling and additions to their home took place around 1913. Because Gerhard and Catherine's only son, Albert, died at a young age, they had hired hands to help them farm.

Their daughter, now Thresia Heitkamp, lived on the family farm until her marriage but later returned and then lived there until she moved into her new home in Osgood, Ohio, in 1979.

Gerhard and Catherine had seven children, namely, Dora, Othilia, Albert, Alma, Thresia, Philomena, and Bertha (born 4-06-1912) who is now Sister Mirabilis Homan, S.F.P. of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, St. Clare Convent, Hartwell, Cincinnati, Ohio. Sister was supervisor at several hospitals and vice president of Mid Ohio District of Ohio Nurses Association after she graduated from Nursing School in 1938 and received her B.S. in Nursing in 1956.

Dora Homan (4-05-1897, 8-03-1968) married Edward Schmitt (10-23-1895, 1-02-1931) and they had five children: Lucille, Norma, Wilma, Evin, and Ralph. Lucille was born 12-21-1921 and died 2-06-1931. Sister Norma (11-16-1923) is a member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, Cincinnati, Ohio. Wilma married Harold Lefeld and had four children: Virginia, who married Dr. Bill Matre, children Erin and Andrew; Charles; James married Mary Reier, and Mary Ann. Evin is a farmer near Fort Recovery. Ralph married Mary Ann Fisher; children Mike, Mary Jo, Edward, Amy, Craig, and Larry, reside at Dundee, Illinois.

Gerhard and Catherina Homan—Wedding Day 1895

Othilia Homan (9-06-1899, 9-23-1969) married Joseph J. Schenking (8-14-1894, 9-17-1969) and had six children. Donald J. Schenking married Martha Kahle; children: Ann, Joan and Carol. Adeline K. Schenking married Richard Long; children: Susan married Dawood Farahi, Marilyn, Douglas and Stephen. Wilbert Schenking married Elinor Loveday; children: W. Joseph and Deborah who married Bradley J. Holmes, Gerald J. Schenking is an accountant in Dayton, Ohio. Mariann T. Schenking married Hugh Becker; children: David, Kathleen, Pamela and Julie. Robert Schenking was born 8-19-1942 and died 7-30-1953.

Albert Homan was born Mrch 1903 and died in 1905.

Alma Homan (10-26-1904) married William B. Post (2-26-1901, 6-27-1969) and had ten children. Mello Francis Post maried Josephine Gaglio; children: Kathleen, William, Patricia, Michael and Kristine at Coldwater, Michigan. Drita Post married Frederick Miller; children: Carolyn, Ann, Mary, Thomas, Patricia, at Elkhart, Indiana. Lu Ann Post married Evan V. Schultz; children: Susan, Nancy and Stephen at Dundee, Michigan. Jo Ann Post married John T. Bateson; children: Barbara Ann, William and Joan Patricia. Lucy Post married Robert Sowers; children: Robert Wayne, Jr. (deceased), Sheryl and Mary at Battle Creek, Michigan. Zeno Post married Patricia A. Barone; children: Julie Ann, Mary Elizabeth, and Karen Patricia at Coldwater, Michigan. James N. Post married Annette Marie Salciccioli; children: Michelle, James and Jerome at Warren, Michigan. Virgil Post married Judith Doe; children: Kelli and Amy at Battle Creek, Michigan. Robert C. Post married Patricia R. Gaglio; children: Robert and Richelle at Findlay, Ohio.

Daniel Post married Charlene Haines; child: Stephen.

Thresia Homan (4-20-1907) married Henry Heitkamp (5-29-1906, 7-31-1970) and had six children. Edna was born March 28 and died April 3, 1932. Lavern Heitkamp was born 2-22-1933 and died 3-28-1974 of a kidney ailment. Florian Heitkamp married Virginia Kunkler; children: Robert, Carol, Marilyn, Mark, David, Diane, and Marie. Janet Heitkamp married Donald Luthman; children: Janelda, Debbie, Todd, and Jill at Minster, Ohio. Verene Heitkamp married Victor Kramer; children: Pamela, Sandra, Tony, Steve, and Becky. Joan Heitkamp married Ron Buschur; children: Nicholas, Rene, Cynthia, Keith, Thresia, and Chad, at Celina, Ohio.

Philomena Homan (11-04-1909) married Henry George Alig (7-01-1907, 1-16-1972) and had five children. Norman married Hilda Heuker; children: Madonna Jean, Gregory Kenneth, David Dale, Kathleen Ann, and Rick Edwin. Alvin married Joyce LuRie Brumm; children: Lorna Marilyn, Brenda LuRie, and Colleen Bea. Kenneth married Beatrice Gaerke; children: Angela Marceil, Julia Ann, Lisa Marie, Randal Henry, Craig Raphael, and Diane Renee. Dale married Janet Gehle; children: Brian William, Kevin John, Jason Francis. Lucy Ann Thresia married Steve Nieport; children: Kathryn Marie and Matthew Joseph. (See Henry Alig history.) *Submitted by Mrs. Jim Homan.*

Hood

The name John is popular throughout the Hood family history. During the late 19th and 20th centuries this trend continued.

First, let's trace the family background of John A. Hood, the main subject of this biographical capsule:

William H. Hood, his father, was born near Dayton, Ohio, March 9, 1843, and is a son of John and Susanna (Olinger) Hood. John Hood was a substantial farmer. He and his wife had two children of whom William H. Hood was the lone survivor.

When the war between the states (Civil War) exploded, William enlisted in the Union side in 1862 and went to the front with the Company B., 110th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry until being honorably discharged at the war's end in 1865.

On his return home, he entered marriage on June 12, 1866 to Aurelia B. Pumphrey, a daughter of Nicholas and Laura Pumphrey, whose home was at Connersville.

Eight children were born to William and Aurelia. They are as follows: John, the immediate of the review; Anna L., widow of the late Charles S. Bishop, a traveling salesman of Richmond, Indiana, who has four children, Donald, Ruth, Irene, and Anna; Emma S., widow of the late C. J. Henley, of Portland, who has one child, Dorothy; Ida, wife of James Limle, a shoe salesman of Portland; Clara J., who married Dr. R. J. Anderson of Indianapolis, and has two children, Jane and Vincent W.; and Esther, who married Henry M. Jacobs, a bookkeeper in the offices of the Twist Drill Company at Cleveland, and has two children, Ida Bell and Margaret. Theodore and Clarence are deceased.

Dorothy Henley Kerby resides now in Ft. Wayne, In. Cora Cogan's daughter, Helen Summerville, lives in Pompano Beach, Florida, with her husband, Wilbur.

William Hood opened a general store in Darke County, Ohio in 1866. In 1874, he sold his interests and moved westward into Indiana, locating at Portland where he opened a retail grocery store. Very soon he had established himself as a wholesaler of groceries in serving the retail trade throughout this region.

In 1899, Mr. hood incorporated the establishment as the W. H. Hood Company. Mr. Hood was elected president of that concern,and guided its ship until his retirement in 1918. His son, John A., was under his management.

An ardent Prohibitionist, William was a champion of those principles he had so long held. His wife, Aurelia, and he were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William's son, John A., was born in Portland on May 23, 1875. John "grew up" in the grocery business and was an active companion with his father. After his graduation from Portland High School, he pursued a commercial course at Miami College at Dayton to lay the groundwork to continue the Hood Company's growth. The company was incorporated in 1901.

Like his father, John A. was a Republican, president of the local Kiwanis Club, member of the Portland Knights of Pythias and Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now the Asbury Church where Mrs. Hood was organist.

In 1897, John A. Hood was married to Mary Huey, daughter of John and Ruth (Headington) Huey and a member of one of the Jay County pioneer families. A son, John Robert, (Bob) was born in 1880 whose future was destined to be in the W. H. Hood heritage.

The Hoods lived on Harrison Street in Portland. When the depression hit, Mr. Hood put his home and business on the line to protect the stockholders. They demanded their money so he was forced to dispose of everything. The Hood Company finally closed in 1951.

After leaving Portland, the Hood family moved to Marion, Richmond, and Indianapolis. Mr. Hood sold insurance and worked for other grocery stores until his death in 1936. Mrs. Hood was church organist at the New Jersey Methodist Church in Indianapolis. Counting her time at Portland, she served as a church orgainist for fifty years.

His son, Bob, married Virginia Fitch, daughter of Dr. Frank Fitch, on June 20, 1929, and lived in Indianapolis selling insurance and being a professional musician.

After Bob's mother died, the John R. (Bob) Hood family left Indianapolis in 1939. Bob managed a music store in Kokomo, In. from 1939-1943, and served in the Army Corps Band from 1943-1945.

From 1946-1950 he managed stores in Kokomo, In., Lorain, Oh. and Muncie, In. In 1951, Bob opened his own store in Richmond with his wife, Virginia, son John, and his daughter, Dorothy.

When A. E. Wilhelm, also of Jay County, retired from the Muncie Baldwin store in 1964, Bob Hood was offered the franchise for Delaware, Blackford, Randolph, Jay, Wayne, and Union counties. Seven months later, Bob suffered a fatal heart attack at the age of 57 years.

His son, John, assumed the Muncie store and Virginia still maintains the Richmond music store. Dorothy, his daughter, married Don Phares, a lawyer from Chicago, and has two children, Donna and Donald. *Submitted by John Hood.*

Horn Family

The Horn family came from Germany originally. Henry Horn was born in Wittenberg, Germany October 8, 1755. The exact date of his arrival in America is not definite. He made his way through Virginia to Lewisburg, Ohio, and laid out the town of Lewisburg where he had a mill. He was the father of 13 children. The sixth child was George, born July 22, 1792. George was the father of 11 children.The third child was John, born November 13, 1823. He was married twice, for his second wife he married Sarah Rookstool. They moved to Knox Twp. in Jay County around 1870. John had ten children: (1) Isabelle, born to the first marriage, lived in Ohio; (2) George Henry went to Kansas; (3) Jacob married Anna Whetsel, who lived at Redkey; (4) Mary Ann (Mollie) married Jacob B. Whetsel, brother of Anna. They lived in Redkey; (5) William Corneluis (Dock) who married Lenoria (Rosie) Lupton, was a practicing doctor in Pennville. (6) Mandy Jane died in infancy; (7) Levi Christopher, born August 9, 1857, married Elizabeth Lavina (Vina) Sphar and they lived in Knox Twp. (8) Martha Ellen (Mattie) wife of Frank Arnold lived in Knox Twp. (grandparents of Frank E. Cline of Nobel Twp.); (9) Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie) married Thomas J. Wright and lived in Greene Twp. near Walnut Corner; (10) John Lewis died young. The seventh child, Levi, lived in Knox Twp. He was a farmer and school teacher. He got his college education at the Liber College south of Portland, east of College Corner. He was a trustee of the Oak Grove Church when the building was erected in 1910. He and Vina had three children: (1) Finley died in infancy; (2) Settie Inez married Joseph Gaunt. They set up housekeeping in Knox Twp. Joseph taught school. They lived most of their life in Portland; (3) William Harrison Horn (Harrison) was born October 3, 1888. He lived in Knox Twp. all his life. He married Hazel Whitacre. They were the parents of six children; (a) Gerald married to Gladys Brunson of Greene Twp. They had two daughters: (1) Nancy and (2) Naomi. Nancy married Larry Peterson, they have two children, Dane and Diane. Naomi married Robert Hudson, they had five children: Duane, Karen, Kathy, Kimberley, and Daniel. Naomi is deceased. Gerald served as trustee of Knox Twp. and is now on the Advisory Board. (b) Lloyd married Genevra Briggs of Pennville. They live in Jackson Twp. They have three sons: (1) William married to Arlene Ninde, Jackson Twp. Their children are Douglas, married to Deanna Bedwell, and Mark and Jayne at home. (2) Raymond married Joyce Newhouse. They have two sons, Jeffrey and Gregg. (3) John and his wife Jeanne have two sons, Heath and Joshua. They live near Union City, Indiana. (c) Lillie married Winfield Shields of Greene Twp., deceased. Lillie lives on 26 near the Blackford County line in Knox Twp. (d) Violet Horn married to Lloyd H. Paxson lives in Penn Twp. Family listed under Lloyd H. Paxson. (3) Dorothy is married to Wesley Bullis, a United Methodist Minister. They have three children: Rita Begley, Kent, and Glenda. (f) George is married to Elnora Landon of Knox Twp. They had five children (1) Gary was killed in an accident at age 16. (2) Linda is married to David Lowe, Knox Twp. They have one daughter, Erin. (3) Dennis is married to Marianne Zeigler. They have one daughter, Brianne, Knox Twp. (4) Brian is married to Cathy Wall, Penn Twp. (5) Cheryl is at home.

Members of the Harrison Horn family were educated in Center and Oak Grove Grade Schools then transferred to Pennville for High School. Dorothy was a graduate of Taylor University. The family was brought up in the nurture of the Oak Grove Church. Harrison helped haul the brick by horse and wagon from Redkey for this church. The family was all farm related in occupation.

Benjamin and Elva Hough

Benjamin O. Hough

Benjamin O. Hough was born on March 26, 1888, in Bearcreek Township in Jay County. He was the son of Wilson N. and Mary (Whiteman) Hough. His wife was Elva M. (Bollenbaugher) Hough, who was born and reared in Mercer County, Ohio. Elva was born on December 29, 1889, the daughter of Adam and Aura (Meyer) Bollenbaugher. Benjamin and Elva were married on December 30, 1909.

Ben spent his life in rural communities doing farming, working for his neighbors, and caring for an orchard near Macklin Corner in Bearcreek Township.

Six children were reared in the home. They attended school at Bryant and also at Macklin Corner. The children included a son Paul and five daughters. The daughters included Laura D., wife of Melvin S. Runyon; Pearl, wife of Lee Lybarger; Ora C., wife of Darrel Glentzer; Alda Ruth, wife of Kenneth Abel; and Mary E., wife of Richard Gillespie. Two children died before reaching maturity.

Ben and Elva Maud's only son Paul married Marjorie Brumbaugh and lived in Fort Wayne, working his entire adult life at International Harvester Company. Paul and Marge had one son, Larry L.

When Ben retired, he moved to Skeels Crossroads, Ohio, and lived there until his death on June 17, 1955. His wife died on May 7, 1976. *Submitted by L. Doris Runyon.*

Dennis Hough

Dennis Hough was a well educated young man who came to Bearcreek Twp., Jay County in 1842 from Wayne Twp., Wayne County, Ohio and at the age of 22 settled on a 40 acre farm in Section 23, Twp. 24, Range 14 that he had purchased from John Olen. Dennis was born March 5, 1820 in Ohio and was the son of David and Elizabeth (Bryon) Hough. His father came from Union County, Pennsylvania and in 1822 became a farmer and landowner in Section 12, Twp. 16, Range 13 in Wayne County, Ohio. He could read and write in both English and German which was a great asset in those days. David Hough died in 1839 in Wayne County, Ohio.

At the age of 21, before immigrating to Indiana, Dennis served as Justice of the Peace in Wayne County, Ohio. His brother John who was also well educated served as Justice of the Peace for 13 years in Wayne and Canaan Twp., Wayne County, Ohio. He also taught school, teaching both English and German. John was born February 26, 1805 in Pennsylvania and died April 24, 1877. He and his wife Magdalena (Feightner) Hough and their four children are buried in the United Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Creston, Ohio. Dennis had another brother and sister who like himself moved westward after the death of their father. William Hough moved to Mercer County, Ohio. He had some education and was a Blacksmith by trade. William died about the year of 1847 in Mercer County. Mary (Hough) Antles was born January 20, 1812 in Union County, Pennsylvania. She and her husband Joseph with their five children came to Bearcreek Twp., Jay County in the year of 1841. Mary Antles died March 25, 1864 and is buried in Westchester Cemetery beside her husband and their son Dennis.

Dennis and Miss Sophia Hott were united in marriage on October 13, 1844 in Jay County. She was born April 16, 1826 in Pennsylvania. Following in his older brother's footsteps, Dennis taught school in addition to farming. He also served as Justice of the Peace for nine years in Bearcreek Twp., Jay County. On January 29, 1861, Dennis Hough passed away at the young age of 41. Sophia was left with the responsibility of raising their six children. On November 11, 1896, Sophia Hough passed away at the age of 70. Both of them are buried in the Limberlost Cemetery east of Bryant. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. George (Nancy) Gibson (1845-1885); John (1850-) remained single; Mrs. John (Minerva) Adams (1852-1925); Jasper (1854-1934) married Sarah Ella Leonard; Lewis (1856-1909) married Almeda Judy; and Wilson (1859-1948) married Mary Whiteman. *Submitted by Roselyn (Hough) Davis, great, great granddaughter.*

Earl Hough

Earl Dennis Hough was the son of Jasper and Sarah Ella (Leonard) Hough. He was born June 30, 1880 in Bearcreek Twp., Jay County, on the same small farm where his father was born. He attended the Mortimore County School and was the oldest of six children. When he was 11 years old his mother died at the young age of 33.

On December 1, 1900 Earl and Minnie B. Kirkby were united in marriage. She was born January 20, 1883 in Bearcreek Twp., Jay County, and was the only child who grew to adulthood born to John (1833-1911) and Amy Barlow (1852-1914) Kirkby. She had two brothers and two sisters who died when they were children. William P. Kirkby died 1874, age 5 years 28 days; Harvey B. Kirkby died March 5, 1876, age 1 month 19 days; Mary J. Kirkby died December 5, 1884, age 3 years 11 months 17 days; and Idam Kirkby died December 12, 1884, age 5 years 3 months 29 days. The two sisters died of diphteria.

Earl Hough family—front: Clara, Minnie, Earl. Rear: Burley, Vera, Ivan, Vada, Mary.

Her father was born in Lincolnshire, England and came to America in the year 1853 with his parents Robert and Elizabeth Kirkby. He also served three years in Union Army during the Civil War. He was wounded at the battle of Resaca, Georgia under the command of General Rosencrans.

Earl and Minnie started housekeeping in a small cabin in Bearcreek Twp., Jay County, on the south side of County Road #10 east, across from the present Karsch Stone Quarry. In this cabin three sons were born: Burley (1902) married Haluda Kissler; Roscoe (1903) married Elizabeth Jamison; Ivan (1906-1975) married Wilma Roe. In 1907 they moved west of the quarry into Wabash Twp., Adams County, where they purchased a farm of several acres. Besides farming, Earl drove a school hack and worked in the oil fields in the surrounding area. Four daughters were born while living on this farm: Vada (1908) married Dalmas Roe; Vera (1911) married Raymond Hill; Mary (1913-1975) married Loren Huffman; and Clara (1916-1966) married Kenneth McCissick. The family remained in the Macklin Cornor community until 1927 when they moved to Fort Wayne where Earl had taken employment as a watchman for the Railroad. On July 12, 1948 Earl Dennis Hough passed away and after his death Minnie spent the rest of her remaining years living alone in Geneva. Minnie B. Hough passed away on July 11, 1966. They both are buried in the Gravel Hill Cemetery west of Bryant, where so many members of the Hough family are layed to rest. *Submitted by Roselyn (Hough) Davis (granddaughter).*

Ivan (Pat) Hough

Ivan Eldo Hough was the third son born to Earl and Minnie B. (Kirkby) Hough. He was born April 21, 1906 in Bearcreek Twp., Jay County in a small cabin across the road (County Road #10 east) from the present Karsch Stone Quarry. When he was a small boy his parents moved to Walbash Twp., Adams County, where he attended the Union School district #9. During the years of 1913 through 1920 he received a Roll of Honor each year for being present at school everyday which consisted of 140 to 130 days in a school year. When he was a young man, his way of transportation was a T. Ford which had to be cranked to start the engine.

Ivan Hough, wife Wilma, and daughter Margaret, 1942.

On February 23, 1927 Ivan and Wilma Roe were united in marriage in Sturgis, Michigan. Wilma was born May 3, 1910 in Bluecreek Twp., Adams County and was the second child born to Frederick and Daisy (Galloway) Roe. She attended the Oak Grove School in Bluecreek Twp., Adams County. Ivan and his eighteen year old bride were engaged in the task of farming and raising livestock in Walbash Twp., Adams County. Within the first ten years of marriage, five children were born.

Charles, born October 16, 1927, married Norma Mann. They reside at Route #2 Bryant. They have three children: Carol, Steven, Connie, and six grandchildren.

Carl, born 1929 and died in infancy.

Betty, born June 11, 1931, married Edward Huey. They reside at Route #5 Decatur. They have two daughters, Melinda and Rebecca.

Marcella, born May 17, 1934, married Kenneth Doherty. They reside in Geneva. They have two daughters, Penny and Lois, and one grandson.

Shirley, born September 25, 1935, married Carl Mann. They reside in Geneva. They have two children, Allen and Elaine, and two grandchildren. In 1937 Ivan and Wilma purchased a farm of 120 acres in Section 4 Bearcreek Twp. on County Road #10 east in Jay County. While living on this farm four more children were born.

Frederick, born July 12, 1937, married Kay Waymire. They reside at Route #2 Bryant. They have four daughters: Freda, Debra, Patricia, Bonnie, and five grandchildren.

Roselyn, born June 10, 1939, married Deon Davis. They reside in Bryant. They have three children: Farrel, Randel, Cherryl, and two granddaughters.

Margaret, born March 26, 1941, married Richard Davis. They reside at Route #2 Bryant. They have three sons: Clinton, David, Mark, and four grandchildren.

Donna, born June 26, 1946 and died at the age of 13.

A fire destroyed the barn in 1939 and trees were taken from the woods on the farm for lumber so a new barn could be constructed. This barn was destroyed by a tornado after the new owner had bought the farm. Through the summer months, Wilma and the older girls would can large quantities of vegetables, and help with the planting, and harvesting of the crops.

In the late 1940's Ivan and a group of other horse owners would hold a horse pulling contest once a year in Geneva or the surrounding area. This was the beginning of the celebrating of Geneva Days now called the Wabash Festival. Ivan and Wilma decided to sell the farm in 1955 and move to Adams County. While living in Geneva Wilma Mae Hough passed away August 16, 1969. She loved her grandchildren dearly and never thought of her own comforts and needs. Ivan married Cynthea Crow on August 2, 1975 and they were married only a short time when Ivan Hough passed away on January 19, 1976. He told his two younger grandsons, "You don't have to be scared of the dead people, it's the alive ones you have to watch out for." The departed members of this Hough family are buried in the Backesto Cemetery northeast of Berne. *Submitted by Roselyn (Hough) Davis, daughter.*

Jasper Hough

Jasper Hough was born May 16, 1854 on a small farm in Bearcreek Twp., Jay County. His father, Dennis Hough, was a pioneer settler of Jay County. He was born March 5, 1820 in Ohio and died January 29, 1861 in this county. His mother, Sophia (Hott) Hough, was born in Pennsylvania on April 16, 1826 and she also died in this county, on November 11, 1896. Jasper spent his boyhood days doing farm chores and going to a country school when the weather permitted. When he was a young man he worked as a farm hand.

On July 13, 1878 Jasper and Miss Sarah Ella Leonard were united in marriage. She was born March 31, 1858 and was the daughter of Dr. Francis and Caroline (Lake) Leonard. Jasper first rented the home place at the age of 21 in Section 23, Bearcreek Twp., Jay County, but later in 1884 he purchased this farm where he had been born. While living on this 40 acre farm, six children were born. Earl D. (1880-1948) married Minnie B. Kirkby; Raymond W. (1882-) married Louise Stone; Mrs. Fred (Eleanor) Logan (1884-1969); Clarence W. (1886-1970) remained single; Mrs. Bert (Nancy) Grover (1888-1940); and Mrs. Stewart (Audrey) Colestock (1891-1981). Sarah Ella Hough died December 6, 1891 when Audrey, their last child was only nine months old.

On February 11, 1893 Jasper married Melinda (Derbin) Goff. There were no children during this marriage. She and her late husband Martin Goff lived in Jay County. Melinda Hough died February 1898. On September 30, 1899 Jasper married Rosa (Shirk) Gravatte. She and her late husband George Gravatte lived at West Liberty in Jackson Twp., Jay

Front row: Minerva (Hough) Adams, Rosa Hough.
Rear: Jasper Hough.
About 1900.

County. She was born March 8, 1863 and was the daughter of John and Catherine (Freedman) Shirk. Jasper and Rosa lived on a forty acre farm in Bearcreek Twp., Jay County which he had purchased in 1896. They had two children, Garno M., born May 26, 1900 and Lelia Ruth, born January 26, 1905. They lived a simple life and attended church regularly. Rosa Hough died in 1930 and Jasper Hough followed her in death on January 11, 1934. Garno inherited the farm and later sold it in 1946. He and Ruth moved into Portland on East Votaw Street and neither one of them had ever married. Ruth died in 1979 and Garno died on September 19, 1980. They both are buried in Gravel Hill Cemetery west of Bryant beside their father and mother. *Submitted by Roselyn (Hough) Davis, great granddaughter.*

Houseman

The family of B. F. "Frank" Houseman was familiar to the residents of Dunkirk, Jay County, for a period of 75 years, beginning in 1899. That year he moved from Hartford City to assume the duties of freight agent at Dunkirk for the Pennsylvania Railroad under general agent, A. C. "Gus" Engle. Already a veteran of 18 years with the L. E. & W. Railroad, he had been an agent for that line in Albany, Delaware County, for several years. There, also, he had married Wilda M. Bartlett, member of an old Albany family, and the granddaughter of Elisha Bartlett, who owned a farm from 1874 to 1890 on the southeast edge of the city of Dunkirk, designated in 1890 as the "Bartlett Addition" to the city. At the time of their arrival in Dunkirk, they had two small daughters, Lena and Blanche, aged 11 and 9 respectively, who entered Dunkirk schools.

In 1905 Mr. Houseman was invited to leave railroading and join the staff of Maring, Hart & Company, glass bottle manufacturers in the east part of the city, handling traffic, payroll and administrative matters for the concern. He remained there ten years in which period his only son, Richard F. "Dick", was born in 1909.

Always interested in political affairs and with the assistance of his employer, Matthew "Matt" Hart, he was recommended for the appointment as Postmaster of Dunkirk by the then district Congressman, the Hon. John A. M. Adair of Portland. Taking office in 1915 he served eight years, during which term he established the present city mail delivery system. He remained in retirement from 1923 until his death at age 73 in 1934. The family continued to reside in the family home on East Washington Street until the passing of his widow in 1951.

Both of his daughters, neither of whom married, became teachers in elementary education. Lena taught 25 years at Lincoln School in Muncie, with shorter periods in the schools of Newcastle, Bluffton and Dunkirk, retiring in 1956, after a total of 48 years. Blanche spent her entire teaching career at the Sutton School in Dunkirk. Their deaths occured in 1973 and 1971 respectively.

The son, Richard, with three years university, two years service in World War II, also spent 23 years in administrative, sales, and purchasing services to the glass industry in Dunkirk. He married Loretta Scheppele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Scheppele and they have three children: W. Martin Houseman, an engineer with Continental Can Co., Oakbrook, Ill.; Mrs. Bruce (Carol) Blackwell, a registered nurse, Carmel, Ind.; and Mrs. Michael (Judi) Culy, a home economics teacher, West Lafayette, Ind. Three grandchildren complete the family roster.

Richard served six years on the Dunkirk City Council, 1961-67, under Mayor Dale Johnson. He is a past commander of the Dunkirk American Legion and a past master of the Dunkirk Masonic Lodge. In 1974 the family sold their real estate holdings on South Franklin Street and moved to North Manchester, Ind. Since retirement in 1979, he is at this writing currently secretary of two Masonic bodies, treasurer of the Rotary Club, also board member and past president of the Manchester Civic/College Symphony, all in North Manchester. *Submitted by Richard Houseman.*

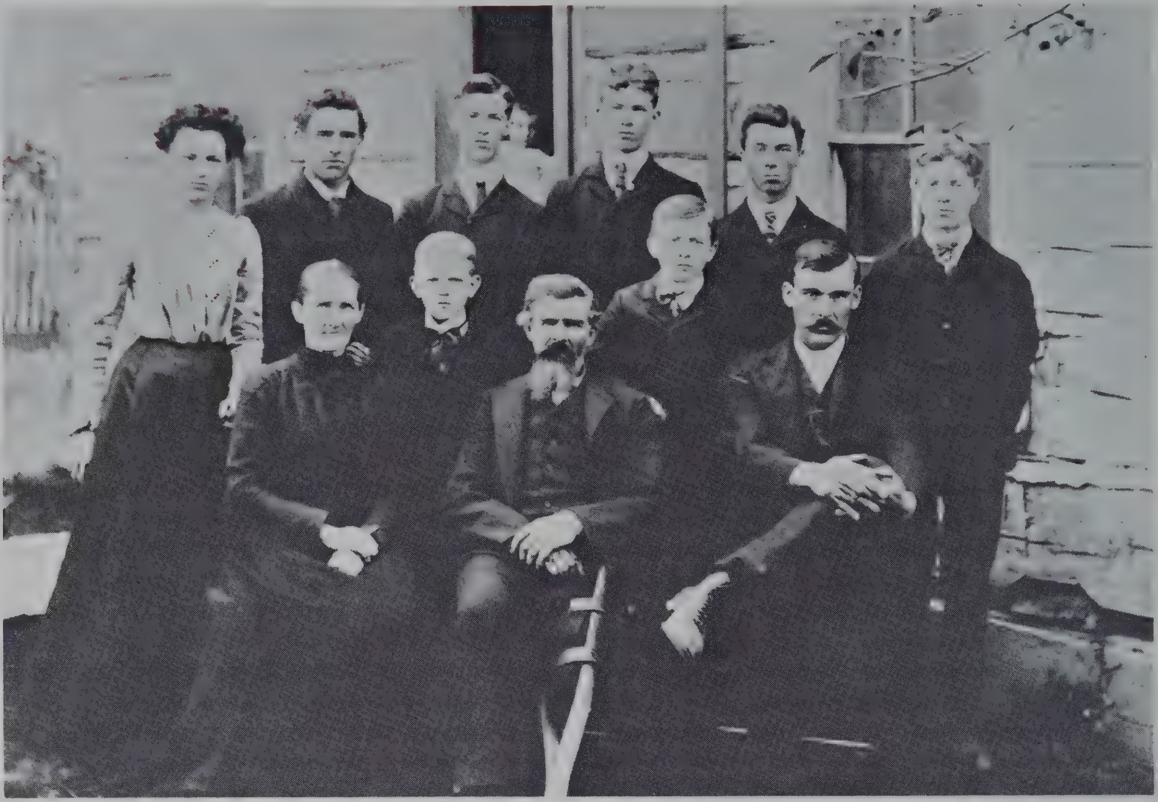
Lewis H. Houser Family

Lewis H. Houser was a farmer in Bearcreek Township, this county, most of his life except for his childhood and the time he spent in the United States Army during the Civil War. He was born in October 1842 in Licking County, Ohio, the son of George Henry and Mary Brown Houser who migrated from Virginia. On Christmas Day, 1868, Lewis H. married Lydia Fifer, born in this county in November 1849, the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Whiteman Fifer and the granddaughter of Abraham and Lydia Fry Fifer and James and Mary North Whiteman.

Lewis H. and Lydia Fifer Houser had ten children: George, Jacob William, Delbert, Carrie, Benjamin, Lewis Vernon, Asa, Amos, Josie Belle and Russell. Josie Belle died in infancy and is buried beside her parents in Limberlost Cemeatery in Bearcreek Township. Several of the children remained in this county but others located in other areas of the country. George Henry made his home in this county until he married Chloa Mowry of Fort Wayne. They lived in Kendallville where he was employed until his death in 1938.

Jacob William (Will) Houser married in Oct. 1904 Viola Gierhart, the daughter of Eli and Elizabeth Ault Gierhart. They lived on their farm east of Bryant where they had four children: Russell, Harold, Hildra and Ward. The oldest died in infancy. Harold married Mary Edgington, the daughter of James and Eva Lambert Edgington, former residents of Jackson Township. Harold farmed in Bearcreek Township many years before purchasing the Channing Spade farm in Jackson Township where they later retired. Mary died in January 1979 and Harold died in June 1980. They had three children and all are graduates of Bryant High School. There are ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Richard married Ruth Wagner, the daughter of Ray and Veronica Minch Wagner, former residents of Wabash Township. They are dairy farmers in Jackson Township. They have six children and three grandchildren. Diane Houser married Norman Logan, the son of Glenn and Josephine Thomas Logan, residents of Bearcreek Township many years. They live in Decatur. Donna Sue Houser married James Lalyer and they live in rural Churubusco.

Hildra Houser, who married Marvin McClain, was supervisor of the Geneva School cafeteria several years until she retired recently. Ward Houser married Louise Sommer of Adams County and they reside in Geneva. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. Ward is a graduate of Bryant High School and has recently retired from Berne Furniture, Berne.



Lewis H. Houser Family
Taken 1899
Front row: Lydia Fifer Houser, Russell, Lewis H., Amos and George. Back row: Carrie, Bert, Benjamin, Vernon, William, Asa. A grandson, Arthur Houser, appears in the doorway.

Delbert Houser, the third child of Lewis H. and Lydia Fifer Houser, married in Sept. 1897 Edith Glentzer, the daughter of Monroe J. and Rosa Crogan Glentzer. Bert farmed in Bearcreek Township until his death in 1914. There were eight children and eleven grandchildren and several great grandchildren. All the children live in other states except Rosa Ryan who resides in LaGrange.

In July 1905, Carrie Etta Houser married Frank Michael, the son of William and Elizabeth Phillipi Michael, former residents of this county. Frank was a farmer in Bearcreek Township. They had six children: Oliver, Frances, Ronald, Fern, Mary, and Donald. Oliver died in infancy. The three daughters were graduated from Bryant High School. Frances married Robert Gillespie, the son of Earl Gillespie, a former resident of this county. They lived in Portland where both were employed by the Peoples Bank. Robert was senior vice-president at the time of his death in January 1980. Frances died in February 1981. They had one son, Robert, who resides at Heather Park Apartments and is employed by Standard Brush and Broom Co., Portland. Ronald Michael married Alta Steiner of Adams County. They lived in Portland where Ronald was a mechanic at Portland Farm Equipment, Inc., until his death in October 1976. Alta died in June 1979.

Fern Michael married Gerald Jack, the son of Harry and Thetis Frazee Jack, former residents of Portland. They resided in Portland for some time before going to Chatsworth, California where three sons were born. Mary Michael is married to Charles Kirkpatrick of Noble County and they live near Albion where they own a restaurant. Mary has two sons, three step children and four grandchildren. Donald Michael is married to Jesteene Walter, the daughter of Charles and Nellie Switzer Walter, former residents of Wabash Township. They are dairy farmers in Bearcreek Township and have four sons and six grandchildren. The four sons were graduated from Bryant High School. Dwight is a graduate of Ball State University and Dwain is a graduate of Taylor University. Both teach at Jay County High School. Dwight also manages the Limberlost Home and Lawn, a small motors shop in Geneva. Doran is a graduate of Ball State University and is a commissioned officer in the United States Navy, stationed in San Diego, California. Donald is a senior at Indiana University majoring in finance.

Ben Houser, the fifth child of Lewis H. and Lydia Fifer Houser, married Zora Shindollar of this county. They had six children and eleven grandchildren. When the children were small they left their farm in this county to farm in Ashtabula County, Ohio.

Vernon Lewis Houser married Grace Pontius of Adams County, the daughter of Sylvester and Susan Dunwoodie Pontius. Vern was an oil field laborer both in this county and in Pawnee County, Oklahoma, where he and his family emigrated to Oklahoma about 1918. There were seven children, four born in this state and three in Oklahoma, and seventeen grandchildren.

Asa Houser, the seventh child of Lewis and Lydia Houser, in March 1910, married Mabel Stults. She is the daughter of John B. and Emma Montgomery Stults and the granddaughter of John and Susannah Overmyer Stults and John and Susan Maker Montgomery, all former residents of this county. Asa was a farmer in this county all his life. They purchased the George Flauding farm in Bearcreek Township in 1924. They were members of the Bryant Wesleyan Church. Mabel has been residing with her children since the death of Asa in November 1967. Until she suffered some strokes a few days after she was 96 years old in August 1981, she sewed for herself and others and kept house for her working daughters. There were four children: Mildred, Raymond L., Rheneta and Velma Jean, and all are graduates of Bryant High School. Mildred Houser married J. Frederick Boughman, the son of John and Lula Kelly Boughman, natives of Wabash Township. Fred was a farmer in Greene Township most of his life. For a time they lived in Norfolk, Virginia, where their son Max and his wife, the former Catalina Amor of Manila, Philippines, live, and in 1975 they retired in Portland. Fred died in November 1980. They had three sons, Floyd (Fred's son by a former marriage), Max and William Lewis. Max retired from the United States Navy after thirty years of service. William is married to Sue Cottingham, the daughter of Edward and Margie White Cottingham, longtime residents of Portland. They have a son, Wade Lewis, who attends General Shanks Elementary School, Portland. William served for six years in the United States Navy and is employed at Teledyne Portland Forge.

Raymond Loyd Houser, the second child of Asa and Mabel Stults Houser married Esta Teeple, the daughter of Ray and May Ford Teeple, former residents of this county. Esta died in August 1971. They had two sons, the older dying in infancy. Raymond Douglas Houser is married to Anita Losure of VanBuren, Grant County. They have two children, Donald and Marie, both of whom attend schools in this county. R. D. served three years in the United States Army, one year in Korea. He is employed by Micro Precision, Berne, as a machine builder. In June 1972 Raymond L., a resident of this county most of his life, married Bernadine Ebersole Gerber, a native of Jackson Township, the daughter of J. Grant and Ruby Read Ebersole. She was first married to Harvey Gerber of Adams County who died in 1954. She is now a retired elementary school teacher having taught 36 years in this county and one year in Puerto Rico. Raymond is retired as a machinist from Elkhart Products Corporation, Geneva. Prior to being employed by EPC he and his first wife Esta operated the Houser Farm Equipment at their home at Antiville. Raymond and Bernadine live in Redkey where she taught 27 years and they attend the Redkey Church of the Nazarene.

Rheneta Houser is married to Harold Larson, a native of South Dakota and a graduate of Marion College, Marion. He is a teacher of social studies in Meridian Junior High School, Kent, Washington, and Rheneta is employed in the offices of Boeing Aircraft Corporation of the Auburn, Washington Division. Velma Jean Houser, the youngest child of Asa and Mabel Houser is married to Wesley Sime, also a native of South Dakota. Both are graduates of Marion College. He is Division Representative for Pacific Northwest Division of the American Red Cross and Velma teaches fourth graders in the Maplewood Heights Elementary School, Renton, Washington.

In October 1911, Amos Houser, the eighth child of Lewis and Lydia Houser, married Zertha Loyer, the daughter of John Loyer, a former resident of this county. They migrated from Bearcreek Township after the second of their four children was born in 1914 to farm near Youngstown, Ohio. Their first child died in infancy. There are fifteen grandchildren.

Russell, the youngest of the ten children of Lewis H. and Lydia Fifer Houser married in October 1921 Gladys Wells, the daughter of William and Lucy Stettler Wells, residents of Bearcreek Township many years. Russell served in the United States Army during World War I spending one year in France. Russell and Gladys farmed the Lewis H. Houser homeplace northeast of Bryant for many years, later adding the adjoining Elza Shepherd farm on the south. About 1954 they built a new home on the Shepherd farm where Gladys resides. Russell died in September 1963. Gladys is a retired elementary school teacher having taught in Jay and Adams Counties. She is also a world traveler, having traveled extensively in the United States and on the continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. *Submitted by Bernadine Houser.*

Ralph Garnet Hudson Family

George Washington Hudson and Elizabeth Jane Hiser were of Dutch descent and were married on November 19, 1892. From this union were born eight children: Minnie, Nealy, Fay, Gladys, Mable, Ralph, William, and Helen. They lived on a 105 acre farm purchased in 1909 in Green Township, Jay Co., Indiana.

Ralph Hudson married Ethel Rosella Hutson on April 3, 1926. Her parents were Ruben and Emma (Wise) Hutson. She had three sisters, Helen, Nellie, and Violet. Her grandmother, Sarah Daugherty, also of Dutch descent, came to Jay Co. while yet a small child with her parents in a covered wagon from Bradford, Ohio.

Ethel was raised near Center School and the family attended Center Church. Ralph and Ethel lived with, and cared for Ralph's father after his mother was killed in an auto accident. Ralph helped his father farm until the time of his father's death. At this time they purchased the home farm. They had three sons, Robert Duane, Donald Gene, and Jerry Dean. Ralph passed away on January 16, 1947 when Jerry was just six months old, thus leaving Ethel to raise three children alone. She finished paying for the farm by raising hogs and working outside her home. She was also able to purchase an adjoining 40 acres. Robert later purchased this 40 acres and built a house on it. He farmed for a while and worked at the Portland Teledyne Forge, but later accepted a position as head of the accounting department at World Gospel Mission, Marion, Indiana. On April 6, 1958 he married Naomi Mae Horn. Five children were born of this union: Duane, Karen, Kathy, Kimberly, and Daniel. Naomi passed away on June 10, 1981.

Ethel's second son, Donald, married Janice Lee Myers on June 16, 1957. They lived in Auburn, Indiana for eight years, returning to Jay Co. in December of 1966, when they purchased the Fay Hudson farm in Knox Township. Don raised livestock, farmed, and worked at the Portland Teledyne Forge. In 1976 he purchased the 40 acres Robert had bought earlier and the family moved into the house that Robert had built. Three children were born of this union: Gerrilee, wife of Michael L. Stetler, now living in Waco, Texas; Donald II, a senior at Purdue University; and Douglas, who resides at home.

Ethel's third son, Jerry married Janice Sue Jones, of Newcastle, Indiana on May 25, 1967. They have purchased a home in Redkey, Indiana. Jerry works at the Standard Brush and Broom Co. in Portland and is studying to become an ordained minister. They have three children, Sheila, David, and Scott.

Ethel attends Hopewell Evangelistic Church, as does Jerry and his family. Donald and family attend Faith Chapel Church and Robert and children attend the Antioch Methodist Church near Marion, Indiana. *Submitted by Janice L. Hudson.*

Edward G. Huey Family

Edward G. Huey was born in 1903 to John T. and Elizabeth (Florence) Huey. He married Blanche E. Ford November 26, 1924, and were the parents of seven children: Arthur, Pauline, Virgil, Edward J., Kenneth, Judith, and Nancy. In their early years of marriage they farmed, then Edward went to work for the W.P.A. as a foreman. Later he worked for Hiser Sales Company while Blanche worked at the "White Rose" restaurant and station. In 1943 Edward and Blanche purchased a home in Bryant. Blanche later gave up the restaurant and station, and Edward went to work for the Hidy Oil Company. Edward retired from Hidy Oil Company after 37 years service. In November of 1974, Edward and Blanche celebrated 50 years of marriage at the Bloomington Elementary School. Many relatives and friends attended to help celebrate this great occassion. Edward died on January 14, 1977 and Blanche died on October 16, 1980. Both are buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery west of Bryant.

John T. Huey, the father of Edward G. was born in Bearcreek Township on July 2, 1870 to Christopher and Clara (Grattis) Huey. He married Elizabeth Florence in 1888 and were married for 52 years. They were the parents of 11 children. Elizabeth died January 3, 1940. She was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia to Marshall and Pasia Florence. John T. died in 1950. They both are buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery.

Blanche was born in 1908 in Adams County to John W. and Naoma (Armstrong) Ford. They resided east of Geneva. John and Naoma were married September 14, 1884. They are both buried at Riverside Cemetery east of Geneva. *Submitted by Melinda Huey Bertsch.*

Edward J. Huey

Edward J. Huey is one of seven children born to Edward G. and Blanche E. (Ford) Huey. He was born in Bryant on May 13, 1933 and spent his boyhood days in Bearcreek Township. He attended the Bryant High School and also the Methodist Church. Edward is interested in sports, especially baseball and basketball. For entertainment, he remembers, the people would gather on the streets of Bryant for a free movie. The young people would also meet at the horse watering tank which was in the center of town. Here they would aggravate the town marshall. Many nights Edward would slip out the upstairs door, which lead onto the roof (when everyone was asleep), and slide down the corner post. Up town he would go to get in on the fun. That poor marshall almost ran his legs off trying to catch those boys.

As a young man, Edward had various jobs such as a farm hand, helping out on a dairy farm and later worked at the glass factory in Geneva. Then in 1953 he went to work at the General Electric Company in Decatur. He is now completing 29 years of service as a leadman. Edward also served two years in the Korean War.

Edward met Betty Hough and they were united in marriage on December 7, 1952. Betty is the daughter of Ivan and Wilma (Roe) Hough. She was born in Adams County on June 11, 1931. In 1937 her father purchased a 120 acre farm south of Geneva on the Adams and Jay County line. Here Betty lived until she married. She attended the Bryant High School and the United Brethren Church in Geneva. After completing 21 years of service at the General Electric Company in Decatur she became a full time homemaker.

Betty's parents Ivan and Wilma (Roe) Hough spent most of their lives in the Bryant and Geneva area. They were the parents of nine children: Charles, Carl, Betty, Marcella, Shirley, Fred, Roselyn, Margaret, and Donna. Wilma died on August 16, 1969 and Ivan died on January 19, 1976. Both are buried at the Backesto Cemetery northeast of Berne.

Edward and Betty are now residing in Root Township near Decatur. They are the parents of two daughters. Melinda, born September 18, 1957 in Jay County. She graduated from Bellmont High School in 1975 and is now employed at General Electric Company in Decatur. She married David A. Bertch on March 29, 1980 and resides in Decatur. David is the son of the late Arthur and Betty (Logenberger) Bertsch. Rebecca, born on April 5, 1960 in Jay County. She graduated from Bellmont High School in 1978 and later graduated from Wayne University of Cosmetology. Rebecca is now employed at Rita's Royaltique in Decatur. ***Submitted by Melinda Huey Bertsch.***

Elmer Haskell Huey

Elmer Haskell Huey, a native son of Jay County, a member of one of the old and well known families of the county, was born on Sept. 26, 1898 in Wabash Twp., the son of Henry Zedric and Margaret Elizabeth (Delong) Huey. He is the grandson of Joseph A. and Elizabeth J. (Wheeler) Huey and J. Jacob and Miriam (Poling) Delong and the great grandson of Jonas and Rose Ann (Fry) Huey and James and Nancy (Patterson) Wheeler and great great grandson of Geroge and Mary (Koehaney) Patterson, all having been buried in Jay Co. except for Jonas and Jacob Delong and wife.

Rose Ann Huey came to Jay County after the death of her husband in Ohio around 1850. She was the daughter of Simon Peter Fry and with her two siblings, Joseph Fry and Mrs. Barbara Hanna came to Jay Co., all of whom were laid to rest in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Jonas and Rose Ann had five children, namely, Simon Peter, who married first Elizabeth Weaver on Sept. 19, 1858, had issue. After her death, he married her sister, Mrs. Rose Ann Curts on Oct. 21, 1875 had issue. Joseph A. married Elizabeth J. (Wheeler) on Feb. 26, 1854. She was the daughter of James and Nancy Wheeler had issue, namely, Mrs. Alonzo (Barbara) Haffner, had issue, Mrs. Henry (Anna) Young, had issue, Mrs. John S. (Mary Ann) Isenhart; Mrs. George (Myrtle) Grimes had issue; Charles W. who married Susan O. Lee had issue; Howard S. who married Ellen Kennard; Joseph A. Jr. who married Emma J. Waltermire; both of whom had issue; and Henry Zedric Huey who married Margaret Elizabeth Delong on Sept. 18, 1890 had issue, namely, Clara F., wife of Jacob Deitsch had issue; Mamie L., wife of Russell Teeters had issue; Effie M. wife of Harley Schooley had issue; Fred R. who married Goldie Middaugh; our subject of this sketch; Virgil E. who married Elsie A. Longerbone had issue; Donald J. who married Mary E. White had issue; Burthell "Bud" W. never married; Glenna F. who married William Crowder had issue; M. Hazel who married George Spaulding had issue. The other children of Jonas and Rose Ann were Issac N.; Elizabeth and Andrew J.

Our subject, Elmer Haskell, was reared in Wabash Twp. As a child he walked two miles to school. As was the custom of farm families, he arose early to kindle the fire and do chores. His father was a well known tool and die manufacturer and he also helped his father with his orders. He only went to the sixth grade at which time he left to start farming, an occupation which he pursued all of his life. He married Miss Anna Mae Folkner on January 21, 1924 in Delaware County. She was the daughter of John A. and Rebecca C. (Tuttle) Folkner. They moved to Midland, Michigan shortly after their marriage. Around 1936 they moved to New Lothrop, Michigan and raised three daughters and one son, namely, Beatrice M. who married Lyle McKone had issue, then she married Edward Diffen, Bernice J. who married Samuel P. Kuchar; L. Lucille who married first, Robert Erno, who was killed in the service, second Duane Whipple had issue, third Clyde Johnson; Raymond Dean who married Ellen Irene Tyler on Dec. 15, 1956 in Angola, Indiana. She was the daughter of Lester J. and Irene O. (Cords) Tyler had issue, namely, Cindy S.; Gary D.; Mrs. Chris (Diane) Moore and Mrs. Jeff (Tammy) Gunnels had one son to date, Jeremy A.

After the death of his first wife on Sept. 15, 1965 in Owosso, Michigan, Elmer H. married Gwendolyn Miller in 1969 and moved to Geneva, Indiana. He resided there until his death on Mar. 15, 1974 in Berne, Indiana. Mr. Huey and his first wife were both laid to rest in Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant to wait for the Judgement Day.

The Frank Hummel Family

Frank W. Hummel was born July 1, 1869, in Darke County, Ohio. He was the youngest of eight children of Sebastian and Anna Hummel, who came to Ohio from Hessen, Germany. Frank married Clara E. Stump, also of Darke County, Ohio. They lived on a farm near Union City, where their children Clarence, Minnie, and George were born. About 1901, they bought 40 acres of land of Samuel Evans of near New Pittsburgh. This land is on the Jay-Randolph County line, ½ mile west of what is now U.S. Route 27. At that time the only building was a log barn. Frank cut and prepared lumber for a barn and hauled it from where they lived to their new farm by horse and wagon and erected it there. About this time, they moved into a house across the road in Randolph County, owned by George Orcutt. A son, Ralph, was born in this house. In the meantime, they were building a house on their own land, and soon moved into it. The house was a frame structure having two rooms down and two rooms upstairs. In a few years, they added two bedrooms down, a kitchen and cellar. They also built a 'smoke house'' and "summer kitchen". They did their own butchering and meat curing. Seven children: Louis, Pauline, Lester, Homer, LeRoy, Raymond and Willard were born in this house. At this writing, Nov. 1981, six of the eleven children are living.

In a few years after moving into their new home, Frank and Clara purchased forty adjoining acres from Amos Orcutt.

All farming was done by horse-power. There was no electricity until REMC became available in 1941. Milking was done by hand. Chickens were hatched in an incubator heated by kerosene; the eggs had to be turned twice each day. Any work after dark was done by light from kerosene lamps or lanterns. There, also, was no inside plumbing.

On rainy days, Frank worked in the barn mending harness, etc. At one time, Frank was a township road supervisor. He also hauled gravel for road repairs, to help "work out taxes".

Clara Hummel kept busy taking care of the family, baking many loaves of bread, pies, etc. every week. She also canned hundreds of cans of fruit and vegetables and jellies, which were stored in the cellar for future use. There was not much time for any activities outside the home.

The family attended Church at Dayscreek about 1½ miles from home. Frank was Sunday school superintendent part of the time. After this church was abandoned, they attended at Zoar, or Deerfield or Shakerag in Randolph County.

The children attended school at Dayscreek, which was a one room school, across the road from the church. This school burned and the younger children attended at Zoar, two miles north of Dayscreek. These one room schools were located at two mile intervals throughout the county. There was no high school in Pike Township, so the children who wanted to go to high school had to be transferred to Portland, Deerfield or Ridgeville in Randolph County.

In April of 1917, because of Frank's failing health, the parents and ten of the children moved to Colorado. The oldest son was married and remained on the farm. In October, Frank passed away and Clara and the children return-

Mrs. Frank Hummel and Family
Ralph, Louis, Minnie Jenney, Pauline McConnell, Raymond, Mother Clara, Homer, Lekoy, George, Clarence, Lester, Wellard.

ed to the farm. Clara now had the responsibility of raising the children and being both father and mother to them, of which she did a remarkable job.

The original house and barn are still standing and there has been some remodeling done to the house.

Of the Hummel family there are now living in Jay County, Willard and Garnet Leta (widow of LeRoy), Nilah (widow of Louis, four grandsons, nine great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Clarence Hummel married Lola Shauver, also of Jay Co. They are deceased.

Minnie married John Jenney of Jay Co. They are deceased. George married May Maurer of LaCrosse, Kansas, they live in Berthoud, Colorado. Ralph married Luetta Metz, of Jay Co. He is deceased and she remarried and lives in Randolph Co. Louis married Nilah Spade of Jay Co. (Portland). He is deceased and Nilah lives in Jay Co. Lester married Ruth Byrd of Ridgeville. They live in Stroh, Ind. and St. James City, Florida. Pauline married Ralph McConnell. They live in Mt. Summit, Henry Co., Ind. Homer married Marguerite Wright of Jay Co. She is deceased and he married Helen Bartlett Pittenger of Albany. They live in Muncie. LeRoy married Leta Steed of Jay Co. LeRoy is deceased and Leta lives in Portland. Raymond married June Locker of Jay Co. They live in Muncie. Willard married Garnet Bubp of Portland. They own and operate the Hummel Garage in Portland. *Submitted by Pauline (Hummel) McConnell.*

Humphries

Harvey Humphries, born Mar. 1, 1808, married June 12, 1833, Elizabeth McRay, born June 12, 1808. Their children were: Ishum Humphries, John Humphries, Lizzie Humphries, William Allen Humphries, Sarah G. Humphries, Martha Humphries, Mary Humphries.

William Allen Humphries, born April 12, 1851, married Generva Margaret MacArthur, born May 11, 1858. Their children were: Harvey Chester Humphries, born July 4, 1881; Sarah Elizabeth Humphries, born Jan. 5, 1883; Letitia Catherine Humphries, born Nov. 12, 1884; Calvin Hill Humphries, born Nov. 28, 1890 and Mary Irene Humphries, born Oct. 23, 1898.

Harvey Chester Humphries married on May 10, 1905 to Jessie Bernice Wilson, born Feb. 9, 1884. Their children were: Kenneth Humphries, stillborn in 1906; William Wilson Humphries, born Aug. 27, 1907; Harriet Elizabeth Humphries, born Nov. 5, 1909; Harvey Clair Humphries, born aug. 15, 1911; Margaret Humphries, born Feb. 2, 1916; Katherine Mable Humphries, born Nov. 17, 1917; Mary Lois Humphries, born Mar. 26, 1922.

Harvey Chester Humphries was killed July 17, 1922 in an explosion of his well-drilling truck in Jay County. Jessie B. Humphries served as Jay County Recorder for two terms.

William W. Humphries married Jan. 1, 1934 Floreine Farwig, born Jan. 9, 1911. Their children are: William Lloyd Humphries, born Sept. 14, 1934; Nancy Lou Humphries, born Jan. 12, 1936; Linda Lee, born Feb. 28, 1943.

Harriet Elizabeth Humphries married Dec. 14, 1929 to Robert Lewis Allspaw, born Dec. 31, 1898. Their children are: Ruth Ann Allspaw, born Nov. 24, 1930; Richard Harvey Allspaw, born June 28, 1933; David Arthur Allspaw, born Aug. 19, 1940.

Harvey Clair Humphries married Sept. 13, 1942 to Mary Frances Pletcher, born November 26, 1913. Their children are: Susan Kay, (adopted) born Jan. 7, 1950 and Criag Steven, born Dec. 9, 1951.

Margaret Humphries married Feb. 22, 1938 to Clayton Rex Heston, born Feb. 22, 1914. Their children are: Joseph Michael, stillborn on Feb. 20, 1942; Margie Sue, born June 5, 1943 and Barbara Diane, born Feb. 6, 1947.

Katherine Mable Humphries married October 25, 1941 to Marion Leon Rupe, born Nov. 19, 1910. Their children are: Janet Kay, born Sept. 5, 1948; Charles Leon, born Oct. 23, 1951; Deborah Ann, born April 18, 1959.

Mary Lois Humphries married October 24, 1942 to George T. Payne, born April 10, 1922. Their children are: Pamela E. Payne, born Aug. 28, 1944 and Vickie Ileen Payne, born June 1, 1952. Robert Payne was stillborn on October 22, 1956.

Sylvester Hunt

Sylvester Hunt (1839-1916) was a Penn Township farmer and stockman. In 1865 he purchased the farm on the NW corner of Roads 30 and 65, where he lived the rest of his life, and built the house now at that location. Mr. Hunt was a Republican and a member of the Gilead United Brethren Church. He served as Penn Township Assessor for eleven years beginning in 1876, and as secretary of the Jay County Stock Breeders Association.

His ancestry has been traced to William Borton (1602) of Aynhoe, Northampton, England and an ancestor, William Hunt, Jr. (1733-72) was a prominent Quaker preacher who traveled in the colonies and abroad for the church. Sylvester was born in Wayne County, Indiana to which his parents, William (1809-85) and Elizabeth (Pedrick) Hunt, moved from New Garden, Guilford County, North Carolina. In 1860 he came to Jay County following his brother, Mahlon, who had come in 1857. June 2, 1862 Sylvester married Phoebe Ann, daughter of Abraham and Rachael (Paxson) Smith. Their children were Miles, b. 1868, who married Alice Bunker of Penn Township, and Cecil, b. 1877, who married Golda Manley Davis of Penn Townhship. Both brothers moved to Michigan where they spent the rest of their lives.

Phoebe died January 14, 1880 and in 1882 Sylvester married Eveline Dutton Smith (1863-1940), daughter of Dillwyn P. and Sarah Dugdale Smith, Quakers. Of their children Emilie (1884) married Henry Graves of Penn Township and they moved to Lawrence County, Ind. Mabel (1887) never married. Leslie (1892) married Gladys Crampton of Jackson Township. They moved to Oklahoma where both died with their son, Donald, in an automobile accident in 1922. Harland (1906-1968) married Lelia Pingry of Bryant and later moved to Michigan.

Sylvester's only descendent now living in Jay County is Leslie's daughter, Minnie Eveline, wife of A. Dale Smith. *Submitted by A. Dale Smith.*

Hutchens

The first Hutchens to the new world was Vincent in the early 1600's. A native of western England south of Liverpool. Farming and sheep raising was the occupation. He sailed from Liverpool and arrived in Virginia in the

Jamestown area. Liked the new land so very much, sent back for two others of his family. Several years Hutchens lived in Henrico and Goochland counties. Went through and some were killed in Indiana Massacres of 1621 and 1623.

Now, pick up with Nicholas who married Mary Watkins of Welsh descent. Nicholas came over as a bound boy, that is to work out his transportation cost. Later married the captain's daughter. Of the large family of children only one son, Strangeman. He married Elizabeth Cox, daughter of William Cox. Grandfather of several generations back came over in The Godspeed in 1610. Then comes Benjamin who with his family moved to Surry Co., North Carolina around Dobson and Yadkinville. After a while the family moved to Ohio. Settled at Little Yock , now a part of northwest Dayton. Benjamin's son Meredith operated an inn at West Milton, Ohio. Meredith and wife Suzanne Fitzgerald had a son Joel. He was a cooper by trade in Little Yock. He married Elizabeth (Cline) Wagoner, a widow with small children. Added to the family making a total of 14 children. The youngest being Levi and his twin sister Sarah. She married Mr. Andrews and lived in Salamonia.

In 1840 Joel bought a farm in Noble Township, Jay County. It was now time to press westward again. Meredith, deceased by now, Joel brought his family, also his mother Suzanne, and settled on the farm in the vicinity of south west side of Noble Township. Here son Levi Hutchens married Mary Ann Strete of Rockford, Mercer Co., Ohio.

Joel had two sons who operated two Dry Goods and Drug Store in Salamonia in the early day. Also six direct generations of our family along with many other relatives are buried in Salamonia Cemetery, in both the old and new cemeterys.

Levi and wife had three sons: John Elsworth died in infancy; Perry Kline married Allie Franks. Lived northeast of Portland. Had a son Glenn, also a little baby died in infancy. Perry was a farmer and as a young man was a school teacher. The third son, Charlie, farmed all his life and when younger was stock buyer for Detamore Stock yards, back in the "Gay 90's" and turn of the century. The stock was all driven on foot to the stock yeards. No trailers or trucks in those days.

Levi and Mary Ann went to housekeeping on the farm in Noble Township. Levi's mother died summer of 1869. Stayed on with Joel until he died. In 1876 Levi and Mary Ann and two sons moved to second farm east of 173 on the Water Street Road now known as Highway 26 on the north side. Later known as the William Hodge farm.

In 1878 in March they moved to farm they bought on Centennial Pike, later known as East Votaw St. Rd. also now 100. Farm on north side of road first place west of Price School No. 2 at corner of 100 and 173. School also called Fairhaven. Now is a dwelling. A Mr. Shauver bought and made into dwelling. Later improved very much by I believe the Priests. The Hutchens farm had a log house and log stable. Soon Levi built frame house and barn. Later when Charlie owned farm he built addition to both house and barn. The barn burned June 1942. Rickey Imel now owns the farm. Levi died May 1910. Mary Ann died September 1916.

Charlie married Sarah Virginia Lawhorn. At the time she was working at Merchant Hotel, H. A. Weldon Proprieter. For four years she was head dining room girl. The hotel located where Eagles Lodge is North Meridian. Sarah often told of the "Old Lamplighter" with his ladder going around lighting the gas lights in Portland. A beautiful sight when snow on the ground. Sarah with parents and two brothers came to Indiana in April 1882 from near the Natural Bridge in Virginia. Came over the Mountain in covered wagon. Then took pig iron train to catch the passenger train to Cincinnati. Then on into Randolph Co., near Lynn and Snow Hill. Then moved to near New Castle in Henry County. Then to Greene Township, near Pony Postoffice, Jay County in the late 1880's.

Charlie and wife Sarah were parents of five children. Harry married Erma Miller of Portland. Russell married Hattie Poe of Muncie, Mary wed twice. First husband Elmer Floyd Wilson lost life at Cartwright and Headington Elevator while loading box car with oats. They were parents of two children, Clair and Clara, now both deceased. Later Mary wed William Overla of Lansing, Mich. Now, age 81, a widow since 1962, lives alone in Lansing. Leona married Paul Rosecrance of Carson City, Michigan. Now retired they live in East Lansing, Michigan. Paul, after World War II, moved to Muncie. Died in August 1977. He did not marry.

Charlie died September 1938. Sarah died September 1939.
Submitted by Mrs. Leona (Hutchens) Rosecrance.

Floyd Hutchens Family

About 1840 Joel and Elizabeth (Wagner) Hutchens came into Jay County, with their family from Montgomery County, Ohio. There were eight children: Andrew, Barbary, Alexander, Henry C. George, Susan, Levi, and Sarah. Andrew married Aurilla Spillman; their family consisted of three children; first marriage, Ira, William Kenton and Rodney D.; second marriage he married Lydia Spillman, sister of Aurilla, one child, George B.; third marriage he married Nancy Ellers.

One of these children, William Kenton, married Rebecca Freemyer, daughter of Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Freemyer, two children blessed this union. Granville R. married Celestia Sherman, daughter of Warren and Margaret (Spade) Sherman and Cora Belle who married William Earl Warnock.

Floyd G. Hutchens, the subject of this sketch, was the son born to this union, Granville R. and Celstia Hutchens. A daughter Fern died in infancy. Floyd married Treva Arnold, daughter of John D. and Minnie (Huey) Arnold of Noble Township.

Floyd and Treva have lived in Noble Township all of their married life and come from a long line of hardy pioneers. Joel was a cooper by trade. Andrew enlisted in Co. B, 23 Ind. Infantry during the War between the States, and saw quite a lot of service. Rodney served as Treasurere of Jay County for four years, beginning in 1898.

Floyd now lives in the house that was built by his great grandfather Andrew; of course it has been changed some over the years. This house was built about the close of the Civil War. It is located at the corner of roads 203 and 120.

Floyd spent some time after his marriage, farming, however he soon took a job working for Dean Bishop in his service station and continued for nine years. In 1941 he returned to the farm and helped his father, Granville. In 1948 he accepted a position at Justin Schafer Implement in charge of parts department, and retired in 1966.

Floyd and Treva have three children. Helen Maxine who married Arthur Cummins. Arthur is presently employed by Portland Auto Parts. Maxine is industrial nurse at Kerr Glass in Dunkirk. They have four children: Steven Michael, Philip Douglas, James Floyd, Jeffery Alan.

Lois Jean married Ralph Knapschafer, they had two children, Christine Elaine and Ralph Joseph. Ralph was a truck driver, who died while on duty outside Pittsburgh on June 9, 1972. She later married Roger Beck in 1974.

Faye Dean married Eugene Frederick Rammel and have two children, Deborah Ann and Cynthia Gene. Eugene drives a Sohio truck and is the Sohio Distributer in the Ft. Recovery area. *Submitted by Frank Cline.*

Rodney D. Hutchens

Rodney D. Hutchens was married April 6, 1876 to Martha A. Freemyer.

The Hutchens family, Joel and Elizabeth (Wagner) Hutchens, came from Montgomery County, Ohio to Jay County, Indiana about 1840. They had eight children: Andrew, Barbary, Alexander, Henry C., George, Susan, Levi and Sarah. Andrew first married Aurilla Spillman and they had three children: Ira, William Kenton and Rodney D.

Joel was a cooper by trade. Andrew enlisted in Co. B, 23 Indiana Infantry during the Civil War and saw a lot of service. Rodney served as Treasurer of Jay County for four years, beginning in 1898.

A history of the parents of Martha A. (Freemyer) Hutchens (Joseph L. and Mary (Elder) Freemyer) along with a family picture may be found elsewhere in this book.

Rodney D. and Martha A. (Freemyer) Hutchens were the parents of two children, Bertha J. and James B. Bertha J. married Lewis A. Stone and they had two daughters, Vera and Gleda. James B. Hutchens remained at home, later married. He is buried in the cemetery at Winchester, Indiana.

Vera Stone married Harry Grice and later, a Mr. Chapman and they had two children, Carol and Jerry Chapman.

Gleda Stone married Lester Bickel and they have two daughters, Ruth, whose husband was James Marvin Matchett and their children, Jacqueline, Linda and Donald Matchett. Ruth later married Gene Duke. The second daughter is Marianna Bickel who is married to William Sager and they have Edward Leon and Cheryl Ann.

Lester Bickel was the son of George W. Bickel (born 8-29-1858) whose wife was Diana A. Shaffer. The parents of George W. Bickel were Andrew Jackson Bickel (born 11-8-1833, in Jay County) and Elizabeth (Tharp) Bickel. Andrew Jackson Bickel's parents were George W. Bickel, (born 12-27-1803 in Centre County, Pennsylvania) and Nancy (Glassford) Bickel. George W. Bickel was the son of Thomas and Barbara Bickel. Thomas Bickel was born July 29, 1773 in Centre County, Pennsylvania and died Aug. 15, 1844. He is buried on what used to be called the Hawkins Homestead, later the Fred Coy farm in Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana. *Submitted by Pauline Houser.*

William K. Hutchens

William K. Hutchens (born 1-24-1853, died 6-22-1939) married Rebecca Freemyer (born 1-22-1857, died 10-22-1918).

The Hutchens family, Joel and Elizabeth (Wagner) Hutchens, came from Montgomery County, Ohio, to Jay County, Indiana about 1840. They had eight children: Andrew, Barbary, Alexander, Henry C., George, Susan, Levi and Sarah. Andrew married Aurilla Spillman and they had three children: Ira, William Kenton and Rodney D. Joel Hutchens was a cooper by trade. Andrew enlisted in Co. B, 23 Indiana Infantry during the Civil War and saw a lot of service.

A history of the parents of Rebecca (Freemyer) Hutchens, (Joseph L. and Mary (Elder) Freemyer) along with a family picture can be found elsewhere in this book.

To the union of William K. Hutchens and Rebecca (Freemyer) Hutchens were born two children, Granville R. and Cora Belle, born 5-11-1887.

Granville R. Hutchens, (born 1-20-1880) married Celestia Sherman, the daughter of Warren and Margaret (Spade) Sherman and they had two children, Floyd Gerald, born July 2, 1903 and Fern LaFerge, born April 27, 1908 (died in infancy).

Floyd G. Hutchens married Treva Arnold on October 23, 1923. (Treva's parents were John D. and Minnie (Huey) Arnold of Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana.) They have lived in Noble Township all of their lives and they now live in the house built by Floyd's great grandfather, Andrew Hutchens, about the close of the Civil War. It is located on the farm at the southwest corner of the intersection of Roads No. 203 and 120. Floyd farmed with his father and in later years was in charge of the parts department of the Justin Schafer Implement Company from which position he retired in 1966.

Floyd and Treva have three children: Helen Maxine, born 5-29-1924, married to Arthur Cummins. Maxine is industrial nurse at Kerr Glass, Dunkirk and Arthur is employed at Portland Auto Parts. Their children are: Steven Michael, Philip Douglas, James Floyd, Jeffery Alan. Daughter, Lois Jean, married Ralph Knapschafer and their children are Christine Elaine and Ralph Joseph. Ralph Sr. was a truck driver who died while on duty June 9, 1972. Lois Jean later married Roger Beck. Third daughter, Fay Dean, married Eugene Rammel and their children are Deborah Ann and Cynthia Gene. Eugene is Sohio distributor in the

Grandma Hutchens and Floyd

Fort Recovery, Ohio area.

Cora Belle Hutchens married William Earl Warnock and they had one daughter, Leona, who is married to Frank Cline. They have four sons: Robert Eugene, born Jan. 9, 1939, married Anita Steen and they have two sons; next came twins, Floyd Earl, born August 1, 1941, married Rita Myers and they have four sons; Lloyd Everett, born Aug. 1, 1941, is married to Margaret Prescott and they have two sons and a daughter; the fourth son is Paul Edward, born October 11, 1950, married to Louwana Grimes and they have a son and daughter.

William K. and Rebecca Hutchens, also Cora (Hutchens) Warnock and William Earl Warnock are buried at the Salamonia Cemetery. Granville and Celestia Hutchens are buried in Green Park Cemetery, Portland, Indiana. *Submitted by Pauline Houser.*

Hutchison

James Lewis Hutchison was born in Jay Co., Ind. May 6, 1958, the son of Lewis Harley and Inez Mae (Beeks) Hutchison. His father was born in Blackford Co., Ind. August 12, 1918, the son of Lewis Edward and Loui M. (Listenfeltz) Hutchison. Lewis E. was born September 9, 1869 and Loui M. was born February 5, 1872. His mother was born in Blackford Co., Ind. November 8, 1923, the daughter of Clarence Cliften and Eva May (Keller) Beeks. Clarence C. was born in Blackford Co., Ind. September 2, 1899 and Eva M. was born in Wells Co., Ind. October 8, 1901. Jim's parents were married at Traux Field Chapel in Madison, Wisconsin March 28, 1944 where Lewis served as a radio instructor in the U.S. Air Force in World War II. Following discharge from the service in November 1945 they lived in Huntington, Ind. for four years. In 1949 they moved to Pennville, Ind. where they have lived for the last 31 years. They have four sons: Karl Alan, March 12, 1950; Lyle Edward, March 22, 1953; James Lewis, May 6, 1958; and David Harley, September 17, 1962. At the age of 16 Jim started working at May's Sunoco in Pennville, Ind., until he was 23. In 1976 Jim was in the first class to graduate from the new Jay Co. High School. In the winter of 1979 he started dating Ginger Moses and they were married August 29, 1980. Ginger Marie Moses was born in Wells Co., Ind. September 26, 1962, the daughter of Kenneth and Barbara Jean (Bailey) Moses. Kenneth was born in Whitley Co., Ky. November 4, 1926, the son of Dewey and Vina (Davenport) Moses. Barbara was born in Jay Co., Ind. August 12, 1926, the daughter of John P. and Lydia G. (Sherman) Bailey. During World War II Kenneth served in the Merchant Marines on board tanker ships and Barbara worked in the PX at Norfolk Virginia. After the war they were married in Jay Co., Ind. on November 27, 1946. They have five children: Linda Kaye (Kirkpatrick), December 1, 1947; Bonita Rose (Foltz), April 22, 1952; Kenneth Eugene or (Kem), August 27, 1956; Ginger Marie (Hutchison), September 26, 1962; and Michael Dean, January 17, 1964. Ginger also graduated from Jay Co. High School in 1980 and worked at the Torchlight Restaurant until their marriage, after which they lived for a few months in a house west of Fiat, Ind. They later moved into the new house on her parents farm located at the end of their lane. The house was built by her father and her brother Kem. Jim and Ginger's son, Nathen Lewis was born in Wells Co., Ind. on March 19, 1981. He weighed 10 lbs. and 3½ ozs. and was 21 inches long. Jim is now employed at Indiana Glass in Dunkirk, Ind. *Submitted by Linda Kirkpatrick.*

Ginger and Jim Hutchison, 1980

Nathen, age seven weeks, 1981

Imel-Johnson

Bertha Estella Imel, b. July 3, 1886, and Ottis Ulyssis Johnson, b. January 15, 1880 were married in 1902. Ottis was a day laborer and farmed. He dipped gravel at the Morgrette gravel pit many years. They lived on old State Road 22 near the Kit area. They became parents of seven children: Virgil married Lola Iris Dunmoyer May 29, 1924. They had Bertha Catherine; Harold married Jewel Estes Stout August 25, 1925. Their children were Robert Harold, Juanita Bell, Gerald Ottis; Gerald married Edna Kantner, their children were, Lois and Ruby; Delbert Leslie married Helen Catherine Davidson Feb. 26, 1943. Their children are Michael Alan, Jane Ann, and Larry Joe; Albert Jesse married Alice Clem May 2, 1937. Their children are Myron Leslie, Judith Ann, Linda and Karen; Robert Johnson was born December 12, 1919, and died August 18, 1921; Emily Francis Johnson was the youngest. Emily married Robert C. Espy in April 1948. Their children are Jean Ann, Barry, Brian and Marilyn Kay.

Delbert and Albert Johnson were twins. The family had a very religioius mother. They sat every evening while she read the bible and then had prayers. Mrs. Johnson was a very talented woman, and the children loved her very much.

The great-grandfather of Delbert was Thomas King Imel. He was a musician.He could play many instruments, but the violin was the favorite. Delbert can remember music parties, when everyone joined in with their instruments, and most of the people spent the night at their home. Thomas King was an early Justice of the Peace. During the Civil War, Thomas told his son Joseph H. that if he would enlist and serve, he would give him one-third of his farm and build a house on it. He did. Later Joseph H. was also Justice of the Peace. One time he had to supoena a man for something. He appointed Ottis Johnson, his son-in-law, Sheriff to serve the papers to this man. Ottis asked when, and Joseph answered, "Forthwith". Ottis arrived at the man's home in the middle of the night. The man asked when he was supposed to be there, and Ottis answered "He said Forthwith". So Ottis brought him back.

The men of the family were great hunters, and often had contests for the best marksmanship. Many was the time the

Imel men brought home many animals, turkeys, ducks, etc. as their prizes.

LaRue Ann Coulson, daughter of Lot Coulson, was the wife of Thomas King Imel. Mr. Coulson was a well known auctioneer at the time. Uriah Lewis Johnson, and Cynthia Ann Lanning were the parents of Ottis. They were a family of musicians also. Uriah was considered a violinist. Delbert says he loves the violin, but he is just a fiddler. His father was a master.

Delbert and Helen have two adopted grandchildren that they really adore; Kristi Lynn, five years old, is taking tap dance lessons and Travis Joseph is three and a half years old. Their mother, Jane Ann, married a Knapschafer and later divorced. The children are with Delbert and Helen at this time.

Virgil Johnson was a farmer in his earlier days, but for many years he has held the position of custodian of Green Park Cemetery. He was born June 7, 1902.

Harold practiced farming but was better at mechanics, so became an employee of the Tipton Canning Company, in charge of maintenance.

Gerald Johnson, b. June 25, 1910, has been an employee of Sheffer Implements Co. as a mechanic.

Delbert Johnson has always followed the life of a farmer and owns a very nice farm, but he likes to do other things as well. He does plumbing, wiring and mechanical work. Delbert was born May 2, 1914.

Albert, his twin, became an employee of the Haynes Stellite Corp. in Kokomo, Ind. He is in maintenance also.

Emily Frances has always worked in a secretarial capacity. *Submitted by Delbert Johnson.*

Samuel Inman Family

The Inmans came to Jay and Blackford counties as early pioneers. As the family grew, they purchased land north of Dunkirk and became farmers. Some moved into Dunkirk as the factories drew rural people to town. Members of the family are buried in Black Cemetery and the IOOF Cemetery in Dunkirk. The Inman Tile Mill, west of Millgrove, well-known to all in the area, was an industry of this family.

Samuel Inman was born April 29, 1802. Abigail Dickson was born May 6, 1805. They were married November 17, 1825. They had nine children: Ahab, born 1826; Elizabeth, born 1828, whose married name was Geyer; John H., born 1830; Mary, born 1835, whose married name was Waters; Sarah, born 1837, whose married name was Clapper; Eli, born 1842; Isaac, born 1844; Salina, born 1847, whose married name was Daily; and Andrew Dickson, born 1849.

Abigail Dickson Inman died May 24, 1857, at the age of 52. After her death, Samuel married Matilda Ann Turnpaugh, born in 1828. Samuel and Matilda had one son, Charles Wesley Enoch Inman, born 1859. Matilda died in 1863; Samuel died in 1879 at age 76.

John Hilliard Inman married Phoebe Chalfant in 1861. They also had nine children: Marion, born 1863; Mary, born 1864; Albert, born 1868; Joseph, born 1870; Abigail, born 1871; twins, John and Laura, born 1873; Clara, born 1876, who died at birth and is buried in the cemetery east of Millgrove, Indiana; and Oscar, born 1880.

Joseph, John's son, married Lillian Stafford. Their children were: Lena; Zena who married Floyd Life; Iona, who married Ralph Fernley Barr; Merle, who married George DeVault; Robert, who married Mazie Blanche Gothrup; and Raymond, who married Lucille Little.

Robert and Mazie had two children, Jack and Robert Jr. Robert Jr. was stillborn. Jack, born in 1942, married Kathleen Ann Landon, born 1945, on June 27, 1964. Their children are: Angelique, born 1966; Lisa, born 1967; and Aaron, born 1968.

Iona Inman Barr had five children: Fern Marie, who married Thomas Davis; Betty Lucille, who married Robert Hopkins; June Helen, who married LeRoy Edgington; Jean Ellen, who married Stanley Dunica; and Katheryn, who married William Cunningham.

Fern Marie Davis had one son, Ralph E., born 1946, who married first Edith Ann Ross, and then Laverne Lois Sargent. He has three children: Tina Marie, born 1969; Donna Mae, born 1970; and Thomas, born 1980.

Helen Pence Jackson

Helen Olene (Pence) Jackson was born Jan. 27, 1906, at Muncie, Ind., the daughter of Oliver Ervin and Daisy (Daugherty) Pence. She lives at 207 N. Malin St., Bryant, Ind.

Helen graduated from Bryant High School, and Ball State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Physical Education. She was affiliated with Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Athenaem Club and the National Womens Athletic Assoc., where she won honors and letters. She taught five years at a business college in Fort Wayne, and worked for the Post Office Department in Bryant from April 1938 until she retired Jan. 30, 1976. She was Clerk, Acting Postmaster and Rural Carrier on R.R. 1, Bryant, Ind.

Helen married Leo Hershel Jackson Feb. 8, 1930. Leo was born Jan. 27, 1907, at Middleport, Oh. son of Harry and Margaret (Barrett) Jackson. Leo attended school at the Catholic High School in Fort Wayne, and joined the Navy in 1925. He served on the USS Arkansas Battleship his first four years, the USS Black Hawk, USS Mercy, the USS General M M Patrick Aircraft Carrier, various Coast Guard Boats on the Great Lakes, and 38' tug boat for the US Corps of Engineers on the Ohio River. He completed several training courses given by the Navy, had Motor Boat Operator License, Radio Phone and Harbor Master License, AB Seaman and Life Boat papers, and US Coast Guard Deck License. He attended refrigerator school at DeForest in Chicago, Offset Press at Pressman Home, Tenn., and Photography at Baltimore Institute, Md. He was Inspector of Navy Materials in 9th Dist., working at Fort Wayne, Ind. Leo retired from the service a CPO after World War II, having served in the Atlantic Ocean, and with the Pacific Fleet during the war. He died Dec. 8, 1972, and is buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery west of Bryant.

Leo and Helen lived in Fort Wayne, Ind. a few years, then moved to Bryant. They had two children, a daughter stillborn Dec. 8, 1930, and James Lee Jackson, born July 3, 1932. James attended grade and high school at Bryant.

James joined the Air National Guard at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, in December 1950. This unit was notified Dec. 21, 1950, that they were to be activated two weeks after James joined. On Feb. 1, 1951, he was part of the 122nd Fighter Interceptor Sqd. at Baer Field. He was transfered to the

33rd Air Division, Tinker AFB at Oklahoma City, Ok. on Feb. 25, 152, and then to 796th Aircraft Control and Warning Sqd. at Bakerfield, Ok., a component of one of three Air Defense Command Units in the U.S.

After his Korean service, James trained and drove Standard bred horses in Florida for Frank Ervin's Shadedale Stables. He then transfered to the Sturdy Stables and came north to race. He then returned to Indiana and worked for New Idea, Coldwater, Oh. before going to Indianapolis Barber College. He barbered at Anderson and Portland. While at Anderson he was in the USAF Reserve and had an advisory position in the Civil Air Patrol for seven years with the rank of Captain. When men's hair styles changed he went to Decatur and managed the American International Driveaway, which delivered recreation vehicles. Now he delivers United Parcel Trucks to Military Bases for Union City Driveway. He also trains and drives trotters and pacers, and works some with the Jerry Landess Stables at Portland.

James married Marilyn Zerkel Nov. 27, 1955. Marilyn, born Feb. 9, 1938, daughter of Alden and Opal (Robbins) Zerkel of R.R. 4, Portland. Marilyn works at Ludwigs, Portland.

James and Marilyn have five children: Jane Ann, born Oct. 26, 1956, m. July 24, 1976 to Jeffrey Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewis, and they have one daughter, Lise Marie, b. Jan. 12, 1979. They live at 109 Hickory Court, Portland. Jeffrey works at Grisson Air Force Base, Peru, Ind. Barbara Jean, b. Aug. 8, 1958, m. Aug. 27, 1977 to Jack Stahley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stahley, Portland, and they have one daughter, Kristi Lyn, b. May 10, 1981 on Mother's Day at Navy Base Hospital, Lemore, Ca. where Jack is in the Navy. Robert Lee, b. July 21, 1962, Douglas Allen, b. Nov. 21, 1963, and Sandra Kay, b. July 28, 1965, the last three living at home. Douglas is following in the foot steps of his father, James, and great-grandfather, Oliver Pence, by training and driving Standard bred horses. Douglas had his driving license at 16 years old. He works in the Jerry Landess Stables at Portland Fair Ground.

Helen was a Red Cross Nurses Aide working at the Jay County Hospital evenings during and after World War II. She was a Girl Scout Leader more than 30 years, is a member of the United Methodist Church, enjoys traveling, her family, and has succumed to the "genealogy bug", learning about her ancestors, their lives and their accomplishments in the building of this great nation. She has joined the DAR and several other honorary organizations honoring her many grandparents. *Submitted by Helen P. Jackson.*

Richard Thomas James

Richard Thomas James

Richard Thomas James was born in Portland, Indiana, February 27, 1910, the son of Elmer E. and Sara Van Cleve (Baker) James. His grandfather David V. Baker was a member of the Indiana Legislature. His great, great grandfather Nathan Byrd Hawkins, son of John J. Hawkins, the second pioneer settler in Jay County, represented Jay and Adams counties in the Indiana Legislature in 1842 and was a member of the Second Indiana Constitutional Convention in 1850. Another great, great grandfather David Clark Baker was a Jay County Clerk.

In Portland High School, Dick was active in sports and public speaking. He was president of both junior and senior classes. He attended law school at Western Reserve University and later practiced law in Portland. He was a member of the Jay County Bar Association.

Dick's career in (Republican) politics began in 1934 when he was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives. He served in the House in the 1935 session and the special session of 1936. In 1938-40 he was Deputy Secretary of State. When elected State Auditor in 1940, he was the youngest elected state officer in history. He was re-elected in 1942. He was Lieutenant-Governor of Indiana from 1944 to 1948, during the Governorship of Ralph Gates. In 1948 he dropped out of the gubernatorial race to become Vice-President and Treasurer of Butler University until 1952. At that time, he became Executive Secretary of The Hoosier Motor Club until his death in 1965.

In 1952, he was the first campaign chairman for the Indiana Mental Health Association which began a growth process which has been outstanding in the nation. He was also president of the association.

Dick was Chairman of The Indianapolis Community Chest Campaign in 1957, the Easter Seal Drive, Advisory Committee to the State Department of Commerce and Industry, AAA Traffic Safety Committee and Indiana Highway Users Conference.

Other organizations he served were the Indiana Legislative Committee on Traffic Safety, Indianapolis Symphony Board, Indianapolis Travelers Aid Society, Riley Memorial Association and a trustee of both Butler University and Arthur Jordan Foundation. He was a director of Union Federal Savings and Loan Association.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Columbia Club, Indianapolis Athletic Club, Indianapolis Press Club, Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, Scotish Rite, Rotary Club and a Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club.

Richard James and Alice Rebecca Beard were married July 22, 1934. She is the daughter of Cecelia (Fitzmaurice) and Leora P. Beard. Their children are Rebecca and Richard Beard James. Rebecca is married to Peter John Baldes. Their children are Peter John and Richard James Baldes. The family lives in Loudonville, New York. Richard James is married to Margaret Goodwin. They live in Torrence, California with their children Devon and Simon Goodwin.

Richard Thomas James died in Indianapolis on October 27, 1965, and is buried in Green Park Cemetery, Portland.

At the time of his death, the Indianapolis Star editorialized...

> His untimely death at age 55 is a loss to the state and its residents whom he has served so well. A tireless campaigner for community and civic projects, for the development of Butler University as well as for expansion of state commerce and industry, Dick James in departing leaves a void hard to fill.
>
> The Indianapolis Star

Alice James is now married to Dwight Young and they live near Portland. Genealogists and historians may be interested in the fact that Alice's first husband, Richard James, and Dwight's first wife, Mary Easterday, were second cousins. Therefore, their children are both third cousins and brothers and sisters. *Submitted by Dwight Young.*

Charles Jetter

George T. Jetter, Jr. came to America at the age of nine years in 1853 with his family. His parents were George and Justhena Jetter. The 1880 Census of Madison Township, Jay County, Ind. lists the Jetters as being born in Wurtemberg, Germany. George T. Jetters, Jr. (Apr. 25, 1843 Nechar Weiner, Germany, Dec. 14, 1911 Salamonia Cemetery, Madison Twp., Jay Co.), on November 19, 1865 married Nancy Imel, daughter of Nathaniel and Catherine (Hazelton) Imel.

The Jetter family was Lutheran; they settled near Salamonia, Indiana. Nancy (Imel) Jetter died after surgery in Cincinnati General Hospital March 16, 1897. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Salamonia.

George and Nancy (Imel) Jetter had six children. Justina Catharine (August 17, 1866-July 18, 1928) married William Freemyer. Sarah Elizabeth (Dec. 16, 1871-Apr. 17, 1953) first married Albertis Shumaker; after his death she married J. Frank Miller. George Frederick Jetter (Oct. 11, 1874-Feb. 27, 1961) married Rebecca F. McLaughlin and lived at Portland, Ind. John William Jetter was born Jan. 20, 1877 and died of croup Oct. 14, 1880. Charles David Jetter (Sept. 9, 1882-Aug. 14, 1960) married Minnie Melissa Atkinson; they first lived as farmers near Salamonia, Indiana; they lived their last years with their daughter Marie (Jetter) Brumm at Fort Recovery, Ohio. Minnie Pearl Jetter (July 9, 1888-Jan. 6, 1969) married John Wesley Bibler; they are buried at Oakhill Cemetery, Oakhurst, California.

George Jetter, Pearl Jetter Bibler and Charles Jetter. Seated: Sarah Elizabeth Jetter Shoemaker Miller.

Charles David Jetter married Minnie Melissa Atkinson, daughter of Daniel and Melissa (Lindley) Atkinson. Minnie Melissa (Atkinson) Jetter was born October 17, 1883 and died September 11, 1939. Minnie Melissa Jetter was a school teacher. Family history tells of their first car being an old touring, side-curtained Maxwell. In the winter they had to take the battery out of it so it did not freeze. Thus, it was never driven in the winter; and only driven in nice weather in summer because they lived on a mud road. Their next car was a Ford Sedan, which they had to crank by hand to get it started. Charles and Minnie Jetter had two daughters, Onda Iona who married Kenneth Stump; and Agnes Marie who married Luther Brumm. Kenneth and Onda (Jetter) Stump had six children: Laverne, Robert, James, Phyllis, Larry, and Steven. Luther and Marie (Jetter) Brumm had three children: Noel, Joyce and Marilyn.

Charles and Minnie (Atkinson) Jetter spent their years farming near Salamonia, Madison Twp., Jay Co., Indiana. Their daughter Onda and her husband Kenneth stayed on the home place and continued farming. Charles and Minnie Jetter moved into Fort Recovery, Ohio. Charles then was Caretaker of the Fort Recovery State Park. Charles and Minnie lived with their daughter Marie and family. *Submitted by Joyce Alig.*

Rev. Orvis F. Jordan

Ida Vida May Kinsey, born September 16, 1873 in Bargersville, Indiana was the eldest daughter of Dr. D. S. and Mary E. Seburn Kinsey. She served with her paternal aunt, Laura V. Kinsey Mitchell, as a missionary in India. She married Rev. Orvis Fairlee Jordan, and they served several churches, including a long service to the Community Church of Park Ridge, Illinois. Orvis and Ida Jordan were the parents of two daughters, Edith Mae and Comfort, who died in infancy, and three sons, Dr. Hubert Fairlee Jordan, Earnest Kinsey Jordan, and William David Jordan. *Authored by Kay Miller Fansler.*

Orla J. Journay

Orla J. Journay (1886-1968) was born February 20, 1886, the son of William I. and Sarah Catherine (Stewart) Journay. He was born in a log house just north of the Fairview School (Wayne Twp.). At the age of 12, his family moved into a new house one mile east of Fairview which was built by his father. His paternal grandparents were Stephen and Rachel (Gillett) Journay. Stephen Journay came from Perry Co., Ohio, and his wife came from Steuben Co., New York. His maternal grandparents were Perry and Elizabeth (Caster) Stewart. Elizabeth Stewart was born in Preble Co., Ohio.

Orla Journay was a farmer, and with the exception of four years, spent his entire life in a one mile area east of Fairview. He owned and farmed the 120 acre home place and in later years bought the adjoining 80 acre farm. He served for many years as a Board of Director for the Federal Land Bank.

December 24, 1908, Orla Journay married Cora A. Bibler (9-2-85, 4-21-69) the daughter of Henry and Olive (Stone)

Bibler. Her paternal grandparents were Jacob and Ann (Frick) Bibler and her maternal grandparents were William I. and Margaret (Warnock) Stone who were among the earliest settlers in Jay Co. In 1850 Jacob Bibler and his family drove a covered wagon from Fairfield Co., Ohio to Indiana.

Orla and Cora Journay were parents of five children: Garth, Doris, Olive, William and Wanda Lou. Garth, the eldest, was a retired employee of Sheller-Globe. He passed away July 3, 1979, after an extended illness. He has a son Larry, an electrician living in Houston, Texas. Doris married Harold Campbell (6-29-14, 7-11-66) the son of Bert and Edith (Taylor) Campbell. She has lived for several years in Bluffton, Indiana, working at Caylor-Nickel Medical Center. They have a daughter, Kathy Gardner, who has three sons, Clay, Clif and Clint. Olive married Carl Lose, a Salesman and the son of Charles and Catherine Lose and lives in Decatur, Indiana. Olive worked for several years at the General Electric in Decatur and is now active in several civic affairs. William married Marie Bischoff, the daughter of John and Mable Bischoff. William, a retired school teacher, taught in the Madison (Jay Co.) and Decatur (Bellmont) High Schools, they live on a small farm northeast of Decatur. They have three sons: Ron (married to Rita Aspy) associated with Ehldering Cycle, Ft. Wayne; Rex, married to Carolyn Miller, an agent for the Federal Land Bank of Portland; and Rick, married to Judy Zidd, a dentist in Bellevue, Ohio. They have two grandsons, Wes and Brian Journay. Wanda Lou married Merle Stewart, an electrician for Jay Complete Electric and the son of Orla and Marie (Ables) Stewart. They own the home place and live in the house built by her grandfather in 1898. Wanda Lou is a bookkeeper at The Citizens Bank. They have three children: Greg, married to Cynthia Stout, a mechanic at Price implement; Gary, married to Diana Franklin, an electrician for Franklin Electric and both engaged in farming; Julie is a student at Ball State University majoring in nursing. They have a step-grandson, Eric Wimmer and two grandsons, Joshua and Jason Stewart. *Submitted by Wanda Lou Stewart.*

Judy Family

Charles Elsworth Judy was born September 6, 1880 in Jay County, Pike Township to Godfrey and Mary Ann (Brindle) Judy. His parents moved from Noble Township to Pike Township in 1880 when they purchased the N½ NW¼ S21 T22 R14 containing 80 acres in February. Charles was educated in the local school district.

Charles Judy married Doray Sutton on August 4, 1900 in Randolph County, Indiana. Doray Sutton was born March 22, 1884. They were the parents of three children: Chlo Theo, Verl L. and Acil.

Chloe Theo was born March 1, 1902 near Mt. Holly, Jackson Township, Randolph County. She married Stanley Pierce who died August 13, 1956. He is buried in Lisbon Cemetery. Theo resides in union City. They were the parents of one son Harold Pierce, born March 31, 1926.

Verl L. Judy was born March 30, 1905 and died in 1948. He never married. He is buried in Jackson Township in the Lisbon Cemetery.

Acil Judy was born in Randolph County, Indiana but now resides in Jay County near Salamonia.

Charles Elsworth Judy died February 2, 1920 in Jay County. Doray Judy died May 31, 1965 in Randolph County, indiana. They are buried at the Lisbon Cemetery near Union City, Indiana.

Judy Family

Forest Belford, the eighth child and youngest son of Godfrey and Mary Ann (Brindle) Judy, was born August 20, 1883 in Pike Township near Bluff Point, Jay County, Indiana. His mother died when he was sixteen and his father died when he was nearly eighteen.

He traveled over Indiana and Ohio working various jobs. He met Rose Marie Ann Alt while working near New Washington, Crawford County, Ohio. She was born July 2, 1885 at Reedtown, Seneca County, Ohio, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Bischoff) Alt.

The surname Tschudii is of Swiss origin meaning "judge of people". The surnames of Alt and Bischoff are of German origin. The Alt and Bischoff families were members of the Catholic faith.

Mr. Judy, after moving to Randolph County, worked as a blacksmith in Deerfield. He later became a carpenter. He was one of the first school bus drivers in Ward Township driving a hack pulled by a horse. He drove a school bus for the Saratoga School System until his retirement.

They were the parents of five children: Cleatus, born May 15, 1905, married Mable Ellen Nischwitz, and resides in Versailles, Ohio; Lauretta Marie, born August 21, 1906, married Ralph Landers and resided for many years in Ridgeville, Indiana until her husband's retirement when they moved to Muncie, where Marie died October 28, 1981; Floyd Leon, born August 8, 1908 and died August 10, 1910; Basil Robert, born January 1, 1914, married Zelma Spenser, both of whom were killed in a train-car wreck April 11, 1937, and Ethel Gywahne, born August 10, 1924 and resides in Utah.

Frederick Judy

Frederick Judy (original spelling Tschudii) was born May 27, 1796 in Switzerland. His wife's name is unknown and it is thought that she died in Switzerland before the family immigrated to the United States in 1843. Frederick Judy and his five children's port of entry is unknown but they settled in Liberty Township near Basil in Fairfield County, Ohio where they resided until they moved to Indiana.

Their style of living and mode of travel was that of the pioneer day. The younger members of the Judy family attended the one room school near Basil. The older children married to people of Swiss descent soon after arriving in Ohio.

Three of Frederick Judy's children along with their families moved to Jay County where real estate was purchased in Noble Township by Frederick Judy in 1853 settling on the W½ NE¼ S27 T23 R15. The family's occupation was farming.

Frederick Judy died in Jay County January 21, 1871 at the age of 74 years, 7 months, and 16 days. He is buried in Mercer County, Ohio in the Greenmound Cemetery near Fort Recovery.

His oldest child Jacob (1822-1886) married Mary Imhoof Sept. 23, 1849 in Fairfield County, Ohio. Jacob and his family of seven children: Anna Elizabeth, Margaret

Caroline, Franklin H., John A., Amelia, Harriet, and Cora remained in Fairfield County, Ohio where they spelled the name Tschudii.

Mary Judy, the oldest daughter, was born in 1824 in Switzerland. She helped her father for a short time in Ohio. She married Lewis Wooster.

Anna Judy, born in 1828 in Switzerland, was married to John Bonn Jr. on October 28, 1847 in Fairfield County, Ohio. They were the parents of two children, Mary Ann and Adam. Anna kept house for her father and brought her family to Indiana.

Elizabeth was born in 1829 in Switzerland. She married Adam Smith and lived in Fairfield County, Ohio for a short time. This family and their seven children: Godfrey, Margaret, John, Sarah, Mary, Emma and Rose resided on a farm near Hector in Noble Township in 1871.

The youngest child and son, Godfrey Judy (1835-1901) was born in Switzerland. He married Mary Ann Brindle (1842-1899). They also came to Jay County in 1853. They were the parents of: Sarah Jane, Mary Ellen, William Levi, Henry Lewis, Almaratta, Amanda May, Charles Elsworth, Forest Belford and Lola.

The name is found in America prior to the Revolution. This surname is of Swiss origin and is spelled Tschudii which was a prominent name in early Swiss History. The many spelling variants of this surname in just Jay County makes it difficult to trace the family lineage.

Godfrey Judy

At the age of eight years Godfrey Judy immigrated to the United States with his father, his brother Jacob and three sisters: Mary, Anna, and Elizabeth. At the age of 18 years Godfrey and his father purchased in 1853 eighty acres of land near Hector from John and Barbara Goss, all residents of Fairfield County, Ohio where the Judy family had resided for over ten years.

Godfrey and Mary Ann Judy were the parents of nine children, all of whom were born in Jay County: Sarah, Mary, William, Henry, Almaretta, Amanda, Charles, Forest, and Lola. The family resided in Noble, Green, and Pike Township where they followed the occupation of farming.

In 1859 Godfrey Judy married Mary Ann Brindle, the daughter of Samuel Brindle and Mary Ann Mangold. The Brindle family can trace its history in the United States prior to the Revolutionary War when George Brindle born, in 1710 in Germany, settled in Pennsylvania. George Brindle returned to Germany for a visit and on the return voyage to America the ship with all passengers was lost at sea. His son, Revolutionary Patriot Samuel Brindle (1754-1804) born in Berks or Lancaster County Pennsylvania married in 1776 Elizabeth Stambaugh, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Stambaugh of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Their son, William Brindle, born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania in 1795, married Elizabeth Unger, the daughter of Peter and Magdalena Unger of near Shippensburg. William and Elizabeth Unger Brindle died in Fairfield County, Ohio. The Ungers moved to Hocking County in 1826 where they later died. Samuel Brindle, born in 1816 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, married Mary Ann Mangold who died young and is buried in Fairfield County, Ohio. Samuel Brindle moved to Allen County, Indiana and is buried in Nine Mile Cemetery. The Brindle family were members of the Lutheran faith and the Ungers were members of the Reformed faith.

The Mangolds were a pioneer family of Ohio settling in Fairfield County before 1820. Frederick and Anna Guzenhauser Mangold came to America from Switzerland bringing one child with them. They were the parents of three children: Elizabeth (1814-1821), Mary Ann (1819-1853) and Abraham (1823-1897) married to Mary B. Slabaugh. Frederick Mangold was born in 1779 in Wittinsburg County of Sysach, Canton Basil, Switzerland. Frederick Mangold died in 1824 in Ohio at the age of 45 years. His wife and son Abraham and his family moved to Adams County, Preble Township, Indiana. Mrs. Anna Guzenhauser Mangold Hoeffer died in Adams County in 1872 at the age of 88 years. Most of this family are buried at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Old Cemetery near Magley, Indiana.

Godfrey Judy, born on October 11, 1835 in Switzerland, died July 27, 1901 at Kit, Green Township at the age of 66 years, 9 months, and 16 days. Mary Ann Judy, born on February 1, 1842 in Fairfield County, Ohio, died September 22, 1899 at Bluffpoint at the age of 57 years, 7 months and 21 days. Both are buried in Green Mound Cemetery Mercer County, Ohio near Fort Recovery near Godfrey's father Frederick Judy.

Henry Lewis Judy

Henry Lewis Judy was born December 7, 1873 in Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana to Godfrey and Mary Ann (Brindle) Judy. Henry was the second son and fifth child in a family of nine children. His parents came to Jay County from Fairfield County, Ohio settling in Noble Township whose post office address was first listed as Fort Recovery, Ohio. The family never moved while the children were young but the U. S. Government organized a post office about 1870 listed as Hector, Indiana. Today the name for the hamlet in Noble Township is Bellfountain. Henry Judy attended the local school until his parents moved to Pike Township.

Henry Judy married Elnora Skinner August 27, 1893 in Jay County, Indiana. Elnora Skinner was born December 1, 1873 in Jay County, Indiana to Abia Albion Skinner and Isabelle Peters. The only child of Henry Judy and Elnora Skinner was Vola Gladys, born January 16, 1897 in Ward Township near Shakerag in Randolph County.

Henry Judy farmed in Jay County for a short time before he moved to Randolph County, Inddiana. Henry Lewis Judy purchased from John C. Schlecty the SW NE T21 R14 in Ward Township. Henry Judy became a prominent Randolph County farmer. Henry farmed, ran a gravel pit on his farm near Shakerag which is located a few miles from Saratoga, Indiana as well as raised poultry. Many people used the gravel pit for a swimming hole and fishing pond in the summer and in the winter skating parties were often held there. Henry Judy also had a grape vineyard that he attended along with his farming.

Henry Judy was over seer of the County farm for a few years. His nephew Cleatus Judy as a young boy stayed with his uncle and worked at the county farm.

Elnora Judy died April 4, 1902. Henry Judy bought lot 32 in Reitenour Cemetery in Ward Township near Ridgeville, Indiana.

The second marriage of Henry Judy was September 3, 1903 in Winchester to Amanda Shaw Jarret Roberson. Amanda was born 1859 in Randolph County, Indiana.

Henry Judy died January 8, 1839 at Shakerag, Randolph County Ward Township, Indiana at the age of 66 years, 1 month, and 1 day. He died at his home northwest of Saratoga after an 11 year illness of paralysis. He is buried at Reitenour Cemetery in Ward Township near Ridgeville, Indiana beside his wives.

At the time of Henry Judy's death, his family consisted of one daughter, Vola Gladys, one step son that died young and two step-daughters, Golda, wife of J. E. Bowers, and Dollie, wife of Dora Milligan and 18 grandchildren.

Amanda Judy survived her husband for quite a few years dying in 1953 at the age of 94 years. Amanda Judy was interred in the family plot at the Reitenour Cemetery.

Henry Judy's daughter, Vola Gladys married Martin Stewart Hoggatt, the son of Isaiah Hoggatt and Henrietta Ogle. Stewart and Gladys Hoggatt were the parents of ten children and resided in Randolph County, Indiana and Darke County, Ohio where many of their descendants live today.

Both Forest Judy and Henry Judy were farmers in Ward Township near one another. The children in the neighborhood gathered at the gravel pit in the summer for fishing and in the winter time for skating parties. Uncle Henry Judy's farm had white buildings with a castle turret on the left side of the house. Forest Judy's house had a porch across the front where summer Sunday spectators watched the players trying to upset the victor (Forest) in a game of croquet. In the winter time each one took his turn trying to beat Grandpa (Forest) in a game of checkers. The checker games could go on for hours until someone would upset the checker board when it was mealtime. After Forest's retirement, he and Rose spent many an hour with company playing parcheesi or checkers.

Forest Judy died November 16, 1962 in Portland, Jay County at the age of 79 years, 2 months and 26 days. Rose Judy died February 18, 1975 in Portland at the age of 89 years, 7 months and 16 days. Both are buried near their son Basil in Weimer Cemetery in Ward Township, Randolph County, Indiana.

Judy — Pangburn Family

William Levi Judy, the son of Godfrey Judy and Mary Ann Brindle was born August 11, 1867 in Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana. He was the third child and the first son in order of birth of the nine children of Godfrey and Mary Ann Judy. Sometimes people born in Noble Township list their birthplace as Fort Recovery, Ohio. During the 1850's and 1860's Fort Recovery, Ohio's post office served the postal needs for many of the township's residents. About 1870 a post office was established at the general store in the hamlet of Hector, now Bellefountain, on Indiana State Route 26 which is the local road from Fort Recovery to Portland today. This confusion of post office service leads to mistakes in searching one's family history. William Judy was reared on a farm near Hector with the rest of his brothers and sisters. He was educated in the community school near his childhood home.

As a young man he was a transient worker going wherever work was available. While working in Allen County, Ohio he met and married Darla Carrie Pangburn.

William Judy and his wife moved back to Portland, Indiana. There, three sons were born: Charles, Ronald who died at the age of four years and Donald who was born November 14, 1908.

Mr. Judy became quite ill and after seven weeks died in Portland April 15, 1913 at the age of 35 years. At the time of his death, his parents, Frederick and Mary Ann Judy, were deceased. On many references his father's name was written as Frederick but his father's christian name was Godfrey or Godfred. His brothers and sisters were Mrs. Newton (Lola) Steed, West Water Street, Portland; Mrs. John Mendenhall of Red Key, Indiana; Mrs. John (Mary) Waldron, east of Portland; Mrs. John (Sarah) Bisel and Mrs. Peter (Almaretta) Gimbel, both of Portland; Henry Judy of Saratoga, Indiana; Charles Judy of near Fort Recovery, Ohio; and Forest Judy of Deerfield Station.

The family were members of the United Brethren Church of Portland, Indiana. He is buried near his parents and beside his small son Ronald in the small country cemetery, Green Mound, at the edge of Fort Recovery, Ohio.

His widow and two sons, Charles and Donald, moved to Toledo, Ohio when they were small children. Donald Judy lives in Toledo, Ohio where he is a retired railroad engineer for the Penn Central Railroad Company.

Juillerat

John E. Juillerat (born 1843) was brought to the United States from Switzerland with his five brothers and sisters by his parents, Emanuel and Elizabeth, in 1849. The family settled in northern Ohio and in 1867, John married Catherine Petitory, whose family had also come from Switzerland. In 1884 he and his family moved to a 120-acre farm in Greene Township of Jay County. John farmed and made shoes in a small roadside shop. The family by then included two sons, Edward A. (born October 26, 1871) and Clarence E., and a daughter, Emma E.. Catherine died in 1893 and four years later John married Celia Girod. They had two children, Ernest and Ida.

Four years before his death, John and his second family moved to Portland. Edward continued farming the 320 acres owned by his father. By then Clarence was a partner in the Portland grocery firm of Juillerat and Suman and Emma had married John Kwis. Following John's death on May 1, 1905, a newspaper obituary reported that he was "one of Portland's best citizens, a member of the Presbyterian Church, a 25-year member of the I.O.O.F. Omega Lodge, and owner of $35,000 worth of property."

Edward had married Martha Hummer in 1897. They inherited the home farm where they lived. Edward continued to farm for himself and for his step-mother. He also raised hogs. He and Martha had four children. Twin boys, Raymond A. and Russell E. were born in 1898, Virginia C. in 1900, and Mary Grace in 1903. Russell died in 1899 of "summer complaint" and Grace died of tuberculous in 1927. Virginia married Clarence Mahan of Bloomington, Indiana, and is currently living there.

Raymond attended business college in Muncie and then returned to the family farm in 1918. He also sold gravel from a pit on the farm. In addition to gravel for county roads, he sold gravel used during the construction of the high school on East Water Street and the Weiler building in the 1920's. In 1921 Raymond married Vesta Thomas, daughter of Arthur and Emily Thomas. Before her marriage, she was an elementary school teacher in Portland. They and their children, Virginia Carol, Jon A., Kathryn Jean and Mary Helen, lived on an adjoining farm until Edward's death in 1946. At that time, Martha moved to Portland and Raymond and his family moved into the home place. Martha died at the home of her daughter in Bloomington in 1971.

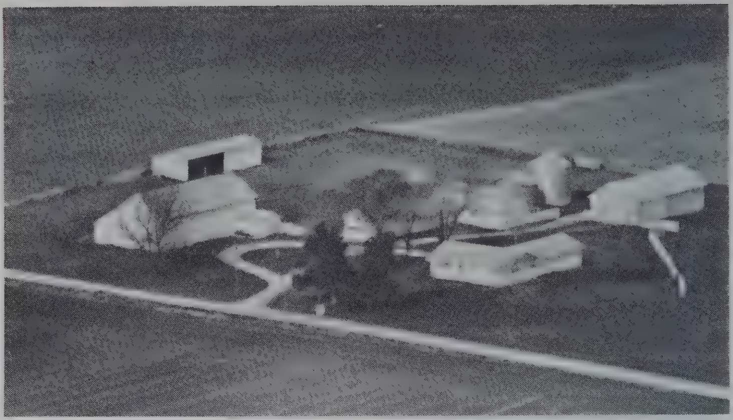
During the 1920's and '30's many changes took place on the farm. Motors and engines replaced horses and electricity replaced kerosene lamps. In addition to grain farming, Raymond raised large numbers of sheep and hogs as well as some cattle, horses and chickens. In the late thirties he did custom combining using a Rumley tractor and combine. By the 1960's he concentrated on grains and soybeans.

Raymond was active in Democratic politics and varioius farm related organizations. He served on the Greene Township advisory board and served one term on the Jay County council. He served many years as director and president of the Federal Land Bank in Bluffton. He was also a member of the REMC and Farmers' Union. He and Vesta were both active members of the West Walnut Church of Christ. She taught Bible School classes and he served as a deacon and then as an elder. Vesta was also a member of the Tourist Club in Portland.

They sold the home farm to Jon and his wife in June 1975. This made Jon the fourth generation to own and farm that particular farm. Raymond died in September 1975, and Vesta died in November 1975.

All four of their children are still living. Jon and his wife Catherine (Porter) live in Greene Township. Jon farms, they own Juillerat Trucking, and Kate teaches at Bloomfield Elementary School. Jean (Mrs. Andrew Schemenaur) lives in Noble Township and works at the Graphic Printing Company. Her sons, Melvin and Stephen Sanders, live in Portland and are employed at Portland Forge. Carol (Mrs. Manon Felts) lives in Portland and is librarian at Jay County High School. Mary Helen (Mrs. Lewis Moore) lives in Ft. Wayne where she teaches at Hanley elementary school. Mark, Ann, John and Philip are her children. Don and Hugh Hanlin are sons of Carol. Don teaches at Greenwood, Indiana, and Hugh is a psychologist in Kingwood, West Virginia. Christopher Sanders, Richard Hanlin and Luke Hanlin are the youngest generation of the Juillerat family.

Raymond and Vesta Juillerat, 1971 50th wedding anniversary



All electric home, designed and built by Leon Kaderly. He also built most of the other buildings on this farm in Pike Township.

Leon Kaderly

Leon Kaderly, former trustee of Pike Township and Jay County Commissioner was the son of Fred J. and Hattie (Orr) Kaderly. He was born on March 27, 1915 on a farm in Pike Township. The farm was owned by his grandparents since 1880. His father, Fred Kaderly, was the only son of Jacob and Catherine (Feasel) Kaderly, who lived and managed the farm of 332 acres after the death of his father in 1902. In 1932 they moved to the "Jim Fidler" farm (or the Hawkins farm). Leon's father became ill and Leon at the age of 16 began running the thrashing machine and taking over the farm work. They had two thrashing rings, Green Hill and Antioch. After graduation from high school, his brothers, John and Leon farmed in partnership.

Fred and Hattie Kaderly died within a few hours of each other, a double funeral was held at the Boundary Church on Oct. 26, 1945. After their parents death, the estate was sold. John built a new home in Portland and Leon bought the Wm. Bickel estate. After moving to the Bickel farm Leon designed and built one of the first all electric homes in Jay County in 1963.

Leon, a loyal Democrat, worked cheerfully to the benefit of his party and community. He was trustee of Pike Township for two terms from 1951 to 1959, and Jay County Commissioner from 1961 to 1967 and precinct committeeman for many years.

He went to common school at Green Hill and attended high school at Madison. In 1944 he was married to Edna Daugherty and they had one daughter, Carol V., the wife of Charles LeMaster.

Kenneth Leon Kaderly died of a heart attack on April 18, 1974. He is survived by his wife and daughter and three grandchildren: Karen Michelle, Brian Eugene, and Ronald Charles LeMaster.

At the time of his death he was on the board of directors of the Jay County Farm Bureau Co-op association, and a member of the Farmers Union, Jay County Farm Bureau, Salmonia IOOF Lodge and Pike Township Democrat precinct commetteeman.

Kammeyer

Nora Belle, the daughter of Taylor and Katie Avey, was married May 23, 1942 to Arnold Kammeyer, now deceased as of Aug. 17, 1981.

We lived in Woodburn, Ind. all our married life. Arnold was a farmer and engineer for Con Rail.

We had three sons: Steven, born 3/1/44, who is an accountant; he is married to Gwen Baker and they have two children, Scott and Jennifer, and live in Woodburn, Ind.

Timothy, born 8/11/48, who is a farmer and lives at Maquokita, Iowa; he is married to Rosann Schlink and they have two children, Barbara and Matthew.

John, born 11-13-51, who is in rug business and lives in Charleston, S.C. He is married to Vicki Shogry and they have two children, Margaret and Burt.

Nora Belle still lives on the farm west of Woodburn. *Submitted by Nora Bell Kammeyer.*

Orville Kaufman

I am the oldest child of Taylor and Katie Avey and was born May 22, 1911. My childhood on the farm was varied with play and as a helper for my mother when the other children came along. Mother gave quite a bit of the responsibility of watching the younger children and of helping with the housework to me and to Glee, my sister next to me. Of course, as each child grew up they had like responsibilities. In a large family you all need to work, then when that was done you could play, usually in the afternoon. In addition to attending Oakland grade school and Polingtown High School I was graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne in 1931. My ambition was to be a bookkeeper and secretary. I finished business school at the peak of the "Great Depression" so there were hardly any office jobs available, and I was unable to find one at that time.

On June 29, 1933 I married Orville Kaufman and moved to his farm west of Fort Wayne where we could work on the farm and have a garden. The soil was rich as it lay along the Aboite River in Allen County and produced well. I canned hundreds of quarts of fruit and vegetables during the summer. Life became easier for us in 1941 when Orville was employed at the General Electric Company from where he retired in 1969. Then we moved to the city which was always a dream of mine.

We had two daughters, Ann Marie, born August 29, 1934 and Nancy Kay, born November 8, 1941. Both girls attended schools in Allen and Whitley counties. After high school, Ann took an accounting course at Indiana University Extension and worked at the Wolf & Dessauer Dept. Store in Fort Wayne, until her marriage to John Fisher of Battle creek, Michigan. They lived there a while then moved to Jackson, Mich. where John worked. They are the parents of two sons, Mark Allen, born July 2, 1957 and J. Jeffrey, born March 29, 1959. Mark is a Civil engineer for the State of Michigan Highway Dept. Jeffrey is continuing his education at Michigan State College.

Nancy graduated from Indiana University then received a degree, Master of Arts from Chicago University. She married David Keller of Elkhart, Ind. Nov. 24, 1962. They adopted a baby boy born January 23, 1970 and named him Peter Nicholas Keller. Nancy and David were divorced in September 1974. Nancy married Nicholas Cisar in November 1980 and they have one daughter, Katjusa, born August 14, 1981. They live in Chicago and are in the natural food catering business.

After my daughters were in school I still had an urge to work in the business world. I was employed by the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. 1957 and retired from there in 1973. Orville died November 15, 1975. On June 27, 1981 I married Glenn L. Logan of Bryant, Ind. We are living in Fort Wayne, Ind. *Submitted by Lela Elizabeth (Avey) Logan.*

Keeling

Forrest E. Keeling was born in 1897 in Shelby County, Ind. His parents were Dr. James Edwin and Mary Jane Keeling. He had two brothers, Roy and Fred and one sister, Gladys.

He attended grade school in Waldron, Indiana and high school in Shelbyville, Indiana.

He entered Indiana University in 1915. After two years, his schooling was interrupted by World War I. He served in the Army for 19 months, was discharged as a 2nd lieutenant.

After the war he resumed his schooling and received his B.A. degree in 1920. He graduated from Indiana University Medical school in 1923. He interned at the Indianapolis City Hospital.

While in medical school he met Elsie Caster, a nurse, and married her October 2, 1923. She was a native of Jay County, being the daughter of James and Maria Caster, who lived in the Fairview neighborhood. She had seven brothers and sisters (all deceased).

Forrest and Elsie moved to Portland September 1, 1924 and he joined Dr. George Cring in general practice.

They had three children: Barbara, who died in 1935; John, who is in the insurance business in Indianapolis; Mary Jane, who lives in Portland. After coming to Portland, Forrest joined the National Guard. In January of 1941 the guard was called to active duty and he left Portland as the commanding officer of the medical detachment of the 139th Field Artillary with the rank of major. He served at Camp Shelby, Mississippi until April 1942 when he was transferred to Camp Callen, California to become commanding officer of the 166th Station Hospital. Three weeks later the unit was sent to Australia; the nine months later to New Guinea. In January 1944 he was transferred to the 227th Station Hospital at Milne Bay. While there he was promoted to Colonel. In January 1945 the unit was moved to The Phillipines and given the task of training a Phillipine Army General Hospital.

In July he returned to The United States and was discharged in October 1945.

During his absence the family lived in Gulfport, Mississippi where Elsie worked as a nurse in a nursing school. John attended Gulfport Military Academy and Mary Jane Gulfport High School.

Forrest took a refresher course in Pediatrics and thereafter restricted his practice to infants and children.

In 1947 and 1948 a polio epidemic hit the country and was particularly bad in Jay County, which had 120 cases. Our hospital and nearby hospitals were overcrowded and the American Legion Home served as a polio hospital for several months.

During 1948 and 1949 twelve Army and Air Force Reserve Officers (including Dr. Keeling) raised the money for the construction of a Youth Center (the building now known as F.O.P. Activities Center) and presented it to the city.

April 1, 1973 Dr. Keeling retired from practice. On October 21, 1973 Elsie died suddenly.

Dr. Keeling returned to part time practice January 1, 1974 with Dr. George Donnally of Geneva.

He again retired on January 1, 1979 and now lives at 615 West Walnut St. in Portland. *Submitted by Forest E. Keeling.*

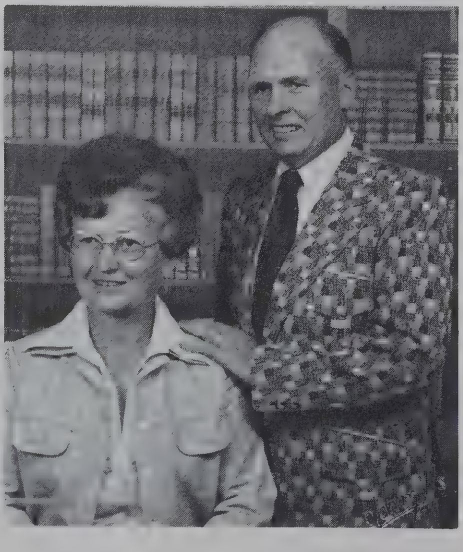
David Gordon Kesler

David Gordon Kesler was born December 25, 1923 at the family home on State Road 167 in Blackford County just across the road from Jay County, son of Adam and Helen (Hummer) Kesler. He was born on the farm where his great-grandparents homesteaded in 1853. He attended Trenton Grade School and graduated from Montpelier High School. He spent three years in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

On February 24, 1946 he married Lucille Marie Bullock who was a Jay County native, being born south of Redkey on May 26, 1926. She attended Dunkirk Grade School and graduated from Dunkirk High School. She was the daughter of Robert and Myra (McConnell) Bullock.

After their marriage they lived on an 80 acre farm just one mile north of State Road 26 in Jay County for nine years. They were the parents of three children: David Alan, born 6/1/48, Darrel Joe, born 9/21/49 and Susan Kay, born 4/9/51. All of the children attended Pennville grade school and graduated from Pennville High School, then all attended Purdue University. David graduated from Purdue and was married in 1971 to Patricia Hancock from New Albany, Indiana and they now live in southern California where they own and operate a furniture business. They have one daughter, Kristin Elizabeth, born 5/23/77. Darrel obtained his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Purdue and his doctorate degree from the University of Missouri. He married Cheryl Scaletta from Lafayette, Indiana in 1973 and he is now a professor of endocrinology at the University of Illinois. They have one daughter, Cheralyn Elizabeth, born 10/21/76 and one son, Darrel Phillip, born 2/4/79. Susan is married to Dr. David Simpson, a nuclear engineer, and they live in Knoxville, Tennessee.

In 1955 they purchased the 120 acre farm in Knox Township, Jay County just across the road from the home farm. They built a barn and owned a registered herd of Guernsey cattle that won many honors for the children in 4-H work. As well as farming, Gordon worked for a local contractor for several years until they felt that they could live solely from the farm and pay for the land. In 1967 they purchased 52½ acres adjoining the east side of the farm and then in 1970 bought the 120 acre home farm joining the farm to the west. This makes a total of 292½ acres with most of the land being in the Kesler family since 1853.


Gordon and Lucy Kesler

Both Gordon and Lucy received their private and commercial pilots licenses in 1952 and bought an airplane after the family was through college. They now have a 2500' grass landing strip on the farm and have built a hangar to house the plane. They built all the buildings on the farm except the house and they have completely remodeled it. Recently they built a fireplace using the brick that were made and used in the homestead house in 1853. An old barn beam from the original barn was used for the mantel.

Both Gordon and Lucy were active 4-H leaders, having meetings in their home while the children were in 4-H. All three children completed ten years of 4-H and won many State and National honors. Gordon served as Knox Township trustee, P.T.A. president and many committee appointments. Both are active members of the Ridertown Bethel United Methodist Church where they have served as teachers, trustee, pianist, organist and various offices. *Submitted by Gordon Kesler.*

Leo Ketchum

Leo Stanley Ketchum has been a resident of Bryant since 1933. He is a native of Adams County, Indiana, born September 7, 1907 in Jefferson Township. He was the ninth child of ten born to Marion and Carrie May (Barr) Ketchum. Marion was born in Jefferson Township September 10, 1860, son of William and Elizabeth (Woodruff) Ketchum. Carrie May, known as May Ketchum, was born in Licking County, Ohio, August 6, 1867, daughter of James William and Rebecca (Bader) Barr. The Ketchum home in Jefferson Township, Adams County was located on County Road 450 East and one-half mile south of the Mount Carmel United Methodist Church. Marion Ketchum died August 24, 1912 and was buried south of his home in Loofbourrow Cemetery, Jefferson Township. May Ketchum died September 2, 1957 and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Wabash Township, Adams County, Indiana.

Leo attended a one-room common school known as the Buckmaster School, and the Jefferson School both in Jefferson Township, Adams County, Indiana. He worked as an upholsterer and a glass cutter and retired in 1972 as a casket trimmer at Geneva Manufacturing Company, Geneva, Indiana. He also farmed from 1937-1976.

On June 10, 1933 Leo Ketchum was married to Gladys Marie Ellen Teeter of Jefferson Township, Adams County, Indiana. She was born in Jefferson Township on June 14, 1909 to Jesse Otto and Ethel May (Campbell) Teeter who were also born in Jefferson Township. Jesse was born September 3, 1887, son of Calvin and Olive (Ruby) Teeter. Ethel was born April 18, 1889, daughter of Nelson and Sarah (Walker) Campbell. The Jesse Teeter (and Campbell) home was located on Adams County Road 900 South, known as Amishville Road. They lived west of the Mount Carmel United Methodist Church one and one-fourth mile. Mr. Teeter died November 26, 1970 and Mrs. Teeter died January 23, 1976. They were buried in M.R.E. Cemetery west of Berne, Indiana. Gladys has one sister, Ruth Evangeline, wife of Russell Eichenauer, residents of Hopewell Township, Mercer County, Ohio.

Leo and Gladys Ketchum

Gladys attended the Buckmaster and the Jefferson School. After graduation from high school in 1925 she attended Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree and began teaching in 1928. After teaching three years in her home school in Adams County she taught 41 years in the Bryant School in Jay County. During these years she served as a teacher of home economics, art, music, and physical education.

Leo and Gladys were married during the 1930's depression years. Their first home was the last house on West Main Street in Bryant. The paid six dollars a month rent and the home could have been purchased for around six-hundred dollars. They furnished four of the eight rooms. Kitchen furnishings consisted of a Perfection oil stove, Sellers cabinet, table and chairs, and a laundry stove. Wash water from a cistern was heated on the stove in a copper wash boiler. Water for drinking and cooking was carried from a neighbor's well. A large garden and a variety of fruit trees provided an abundance of food. Milk was delivered by a nearby farmer, Frank Huey, for five cents a quart. Mr. Huey poured the milk into a Karo Syrup bucket, which was "refrigerated" in the cistern. The minimum salary for grade teachers was eight hundred dollars and high school teachers received one thousand dollars for an eight month term. In 1937 Ketchums rented the last house on East Main Street. When this home sold in 1941 they purchased a property at the intersection of Wilson and Meridian Streets. They lived here for 20 years then sold the home to Martha Craig in 1961. In 1956 Ketchums purchased the farm on East Main Street where they presently reside. After selling their home to Mrs. Craig they built a ranch type home on the farm. Leo farmed the land until shortly after he retired from his factory job. Gladys retired from teaching in 1972. They attend the Bryant Redeemer Lutheran Church where they have been members since January 4, 1942. Prior to this date they attended the Mount Carmel Church near their parental homes. Gladys served as pianist and organist for many years. They enjoy camping, traveling, genealogy, and restoring and refinishing antiques. *Submitted by Mrs. Leo (Gladys) Ketchum.*

David H. Kinsey

David H. Kinsey was born February 16, 1811, in Montgomery County, Ohio, the son of John Kinsey and Barbara Heckman. On June 25, 1835, he married Margaret E. Sourbray, the daughter of William and Margaret Lemon Sourbray of Dayton. David H. Kinsey was a carpenter and farmer. They moved their family to Jay County about 1854, and raised their family of 12 children on their Greene Township farm.

Their children were: Harriet (Mrs. Henry Stauffer), Mary Caroline (Mrs. Lester Osborn), Magdaline (Mrs. Elnathan Holly), Zerelda (Mrs. James M. Doty), David Sourbray (married Mary Elnor Seburn), Salome (Mrs. E. M. Mayo), John (died at age 16), Charles Theodore, and Laura V. (Mrs. Benjamin Nevis Mitchell). One son and two daughters died in infancy. All of the Kinsey children lived in Jay County as adults except Laura Mitchell, who spent several years in India as a missionary for the Christian Church (Disciples), and later lived in Vancouver, B. C., and Washington State.

David H. Kinsey died in 1886, and Margaret E. in 1888. Both are buried in the Kinsey Cemetery, Greene Township. *Authored by Kay Miller Fansler.*

Dr. David S. Kinsey

David Sourbray Kinsey was born in Montgomery County, Ohio on August 18, 1846. He was the son of David H. and Margaret E. Sourbray Kinsey, residents of Greene Township.

Dr. David S. Kinsey began the study of medicine in Bargersville, Johnson County, under Dr. J. S. Farris, and later studied at the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis. A charter member of the Jay County Medical Society, he was elected to the office of coroner in 1886.

David S. Kinsey married Mary Elnor Seburn, daughter of James R. and Ann Ryker Seburn. Mary E. Seburn was born December 5, 1845, in Jefferson County, Indiana. Her ancestors were among the pioneer residents of Jefferson County, and were descended from some of the first Dutch and French residents of New Amsterdam (New York). Mary E. Seburn Kinsey was a schoolteacher before her marriage to Dr. D. S. Kinsey on July 30, 1872 at Bargersville, Indiana.

The Kinseys were the parents of seven children: Ida Vida May, William Mears, Abigail Maud, Bessie Beatrice, Margaret Lucretia, Augusta Blaine, and Anna Seburn.

Mary E. Kinsey died one week after the birth of her seventh child, in 1888, and is buried in the Kinsey Cemetery, Greene Township. Dr. D. S. Kinsey, crippled from polio, retired early from medical practice, and was in the insurance and real estate business in later years. He died July 27, 1922 at the home of his son near Muncie, and is buried in Green Park Cemetery, Portland. *Authored by Kay Miller Fansler.*

William M. Kinsey

The only son of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Kinsey was second-born, William Mears Kinsey. Will Kinsey was born May 6, 1875 in Portland. He married Nondas Grace Johnson on July 3, 1906. The Kinseys farmed in Delaware County. They were the parents of one son, Lewis David Kinsey, who served many years as a teacher and principal in the Muncie schools. His wife, M. Lucile Colter, taught in the Madison and Delaware County schools.

Authored by Kay Miller Fansler.

1980—Front: Michel. Center: Linda and Lawrence. Back: Cheryl.

Kirkpatrick

Lawrence Eugene Kirkpatrick was born in Grant Co., Ind., April 25, 1947, the third child of Lester George and Dora May (Wardrip) Kirkpatrick. His father was born in Tipton Co., Ind., July 21, 1917, the son of Walter Verlin and Charity Anna Leota (Soverns) Kirkpatrick. His mother was born in Breckenridge Co., Kentucky on Dec. 29, 1920, the daughter of Harve Slaughter and Alice Elizabeth (Arms) Wardrip. As a young woman, Dora May came to Indiana to work where she met Lester and on Feb. 29, 1940 they were married in Hartford City, Ind. They made their home in Upland, Ind. for several years and had three children, James V., Elizabeth A. and Lawrence E. Around 1954 the family moved to a small farm in Penn Twp. about two miles west of Balbec. The children attended school at Pennville where Lawrence met his wife. They dated in high school and both graduated with the Class of 1965. Following graduation he went to work at Anaconda Wire and Cable Co. in Marion, Ind. where he is still employed. She went to work at the Clinic in Bluffton, Ind. until their marriage and is now employed by the Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court. On May 7, 1966 he married Linda Kaye Moses at the Friends Church in Pennville. She was born in Jay Co., Ind. on Dec. 1, 1947, the daughter of Kenneth and Barbara Jean (Bailey) Moses. Her father was born in Whitley Co., Kentucky on Nov. 4, 1926 and at the age of ten came to Jay Co. with his parents Dewey and Vina (Davenport) Moses. Her mother was born in Jay Co. on Aug. 12, 1926, the daughter of John P. and Lydia Gertrude (Sherman) Bailey, descendants of some of some of the early Pioneer families of Jay County. Kenneth and Barbara were married in Jay Co. on Nov. 27, 1946 and have five children: Linda K. Kirkpatrick, Bonita R. Foltz, Kenneth E. (Kem), Ginger M. Hutchison, and Michael D. who grew up on their farm in Penn Twp. one mile east of Balbec. Lawrence and Linda lived in the town of Pennville five years and had two daughters, both born in Wells Co., Ind., Cheryl Kaye on Dec. 21, 1966 and Michele Lee on Sept. 13, 1969. In 1971 the family built a new ranch style brick home, located on a small section of land from her parents farm where they still reside. Her father being a contractor nearly all of the construction work was done with his assistance and the help of other family members. They attend the Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren and are active in the community. Lawrence shares an interest in antique cars with the family and Linda is a member of the Pennville O.E.S. and the Delta Theta Tau Sorority. Cheryl and Michele are both active in 4-H Club work and enjoy school activities. *Submitted by Linda Kirkpatrick.*

Knisely

David Scott Knisely was born in 1861 in Western, Ohio, son of Jonas A. and Elizabeth (Wright) Knisely. They were of Dutch-German descent.

In 1882 he married Mary Etta Martz, Lima, Ohio. David Scott was a minister and blacksmith. In 1911 he moved to Collett, Jay Co. as minister of the United Brethern Church. They had seven children; three were still at home when they came to Jay County: Roy, Pearl and Stella. They left Collett in Oct. 1914. The two girls moved with them.

While at Collett, Roy married Glee Garringer Sept. 24, 1914. She was the daughter of Eugene D. M. and Eva (Bockoven) Garringer of ½ mile South of Collett. After their marriage they spent a year in Trumble County, Ohio. Returning to Poling, Jay Co., he operated a blacksmith shop, and a daughter, Lila, was born. Roy moved to Greensfork in 1916, there a son, Gordon, was born. He moved to Ridgeville, where a daughter, Eileen, was born. He owned and operated a blacksmith shop in several towns, finally coming to Redkey in 1927, where he operated a blacksmith shop. He moved his shop to his farm east of Redkey in 1935. Roy was a trustee of the Methodist Church, and a member of the Jr. Order, and Redkey Lions Club. Roy died in 1953. Glee died in 1977.

His son Gordon worked with him till 1939, going to Detroit, where he was drafted into the army in 1940, returning to Redkey to join his father in the shop in 1945. He went to Warner Gear as a welder in 1948.

He married Betty Sites December 31, 1948. She was the daughter of Edwin and Ione Sites of Dunkirk. Edwin operated a barber shop in Dunkirk from 1937 till his death in 1955.

After their marriage, they spent their life in Redkey, living on a small farm SW of Redkey, where he also operated a blacksmith-welding shop. Retiring from the factory in 1980, Gordon remodeled a home in Redkey, where we plan to retire. We belong to the Main Street U. M. Church. Gordon belongs to the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and American Legion. Betty worked in 4-H, Jobs Daughters and Eastern Star, and was County President of the Jay County Extension Homemakers.

We had four children: Jerry Lee, born Nov. 1949, James Dee, born Nov. 1950, Donald Leroy, born June 1953, and Nancy Sue, born March 1955. They all graduated from Redkey High School.

Jerry Lee married Jerri Lea Adkins. They reside in Redkey, and have two daughters, Terri Jo and Misty Lynn. He works at Portland Forge.

James Dee married Barbara Jean Mahon. They lived north of Redkey and had two children, Sherri Jean and Jeffrey Dee. He worked at Warner Gear, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He died in 1975. Barbara later married P.G. Stolz, Jr., and they reside in Redkey. He belongs to the Lions Club and the Redkey Volunteer Fire Dept.

Donald Leroy works at Portland Forge, and is a member of the Redkey Volunteer Fire Dept. He resides in Redkey.

Nancy Sue married John Allen Leavell. They have two children, Mark Allen and Matthew James. They now reside in Monroe, Michigan. *Submitted by Betty Knisely.*

Lacey

Fernando H. Lacey was born of William and Ann Elvira (Pennic) Lacey in 1846. The place of his birth is said to have been in the Richmond, Indiana area, but this is not proven.

Fernando married Sarah Bost, the daughter of William Bost and they had a son, Oliver E. in 1872. In June of 1875 Sarah had a baby girl named Elizabeth. A little over a week after Elizabeth was born Sarah died and two weeks later the baby, Elizabeth, died.

Fernando later married an Indiana woman named Nancy Ann Whaley. They had three children: Ella, Laura and Earl. Earl died when he was five years old. In the 1880's Fernando began buying land in Jay County, mostly in Jefferson Township and some in Green Township. The land in Jefferson Township seemed to center mainly around Mount Pleasant.

Fernando died at the age of 62 in 1908.

Oliver Lacey, the son of Fernando and Sarah, married Lillie C. Horner, daughter of Will and Ella (Spahr) Horner. They made their first home in a house he had bought for his bride as a surprise. The house sat on the southwest corner of roads 180 and 91 in Jefferson Township, (the house was later torn down and a new one built by Oliver's granddaughter). At that time, Oliver made his living in cattle buying.

Later, Oliver and Lillie moved to a house he had built in Mount Pleasant (the house is now owned by Troy Hudson), and the land in front of the house was donated to have Gray High School built on.

After moving to Mount Pleasant, Oliver ran a grocery on the southwest corner of the center of town and later built a new store on the northeast corner. This grocery carried on hand more than just groceries. They also handled hardware and clothing. It was a central meeting place for the neighborhood people to discuss current events. Also, after Gray School was built, many children walked up to the store at noon for lunch snacks.

As Oliver grew older he had a house built next to the store in order to be closer.

Oliver and Lillie owned and ran the store in Mount Pleasant for over 30 years, until he retired in the early 1940's. He died in 1954, and Lillie lived to be 99 years old. She died in 1975.

Oliver and Lillie had three daughters: Goldie, who died at age 18; Carrie, who married Charles Heniser; and Fern.

Fern married Dorcy Glen Orcutt, from Ridgeville. They had one daughter, Wanda. Glen died in 1922 at the age of 28. Fern later married Charles M. Peirson, who died at the age of 94 in 1976.

Wanda Orcutt married A. Riley Reff of Redkey. They had two children, Tambra and Tim. Tim married Mary E. Masters.

So with the death of Oliver Lacey, after not having any boys, the name of Lacey seems to have died out in Jay County.

John LaFollette

The first John LaFollette, together with his wife and three sons, Joseph, George and Charles, left France for America during the Reign of Terror there, because they were Hugenots and were banished by the government. John was killed during the American Revolution by the British and the Indians.

George LaFollette's son, Joseph, settled first in Harrison County, Virginia (now West Virginia) then moved to Kentucky, then Ohio and finally settled permanently in Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana in 1842 where he died in 1870 at the age of 72. Joseph and his wife, Elizabeth, had seven sons and five daughters; the oldest was John, born in Harrison County, Virginia, July 19, 1917. John came to Jay County with his father in 1842. The Indiana territory at that time was a frontier and it was a struggle to exist. It was wholly unimproved and far from civilization. Indians and wild animals were plentiful. Although he lived on a farm, he was a school teacher for 40 years, 30 of which were in Jay County. He was married to Amy Mills on November 25, 1837. She was the daughter of Rev. M. Mills, a minister of the Free Will Baptist Church and who came to Jay County in the spring of 1838. John and Amy were the parents of the following children: Joseph W., (died in Lagrange, Tenn., in 1863, while in the U. S. Service); Jesse J. M., an Indiana State senator from 1891 to 1898, and later Assistant U. S. District attorney living in Indianapolis; George W., a physician in Fort Wayne, Ind., John F., a lawyer and Jay County Judge in Portland, Indiana; Rachel; Emily, Lydia, Martha and Sarah E. Martha married Major J. G. Crowell; Sarah married J. J. Rathbun of Pike Township; Lydia Ann married Richard Crawford; Rachel married Henry Brosher of Pike Township. Rachel was born July 14, 1848 and died October 30, 1904. Henry was born June 24, 1843 and died February 1928.

Henry Landers

Henry Landers was born in Sandusky, Ohio, on September 23, 1836, the son of William and Rosella Meeks Landers. He came to Bearcreek Township in Jay County in 1855, where he met Mary Armentrout, who was born in Darke County, Ohio, September 24, 1839, and whose parents were Charles and Susanna Michael Armentrout. They also lived in Jay County. Henry and Mary were married on October 23, 1858, and he was a farmer in Bearcreek Township. During the Civil War he enlisted at the age of 26, on August 15, 1862 at Portland, Indiana in Company E, 89th Ind. He was wounded at Mumfordville, Ky., and was taken prisoner in the same battle. Thirty days later he was paroled and joined his command at Indianapolis where he was detailed several times as train guard. His grandfather, also named Henry, had served in the Revolutionary War. Henry and Rosella were the parents of William, Martha, Charles, Christina, John, and Rebecca, Isaac and James Wilbert.

James Wilbert was born March 3, 1873 and married Martha Pearl Chapman on April 29, 1904. She was born on July 3, 1881, the daughter of Henry and Mary Chapman. James W. was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad for many years, living in Bryant, Jay County and in Geneva, Adams County. Their children, born in Bryant, were Viola, who died in childhood; Gladys, James Wilbert, Rozella and Romayne. Following is a short history of these children.

Gladys Landers was born November 11, 1907, married Kermit McCurdy and they have always lived in Portland. Their one daughter, Lois, was born November 23, 1932. She married Tom Borders and they had one son, Tom, who married Denise Williamson.

James W. was born in Bryant, Indiana on August 16, 1910. He married Jane McCurdy on May 25, 1936 and their children were James, Janice, John and Judy. Janice was born in Portland, July 3, 1937 and married Robert Doherty from Geneva, Indiana, on September 2, 1955. They lived in Geneva, Indiana and later moved to Pennsylvania. Their children are Douglas, Kathy, Terry, Martha, Jane and Tammy. James Russell Landers was born in Portland on January 26, 1939 and married Grace Miao in Taiwan. They currently live in Honolulu, Hawaii, and have two children, Marcelle and Anthony. Dr. Landers teaches the Chinese language in the University of Hawaii. John A. Landers was born in Portland October 31, 1945. He married Ellen Rosta of Munster, Indiana on June 24, 1972. They have two children, Renee and Alan, and live in Indianapolis where John is a branch manager of a Merchants National Bank. Judy Landers is the only one of this family to remain in Jay County. She was born May 21, 1947 in Portland and married Dick Corle on September 17, 1966. They have two daughters, Delayne and Christina. Judy is associated with her husband in his insurance agency, and they live in Pike Township.

Rosella Landers married Raymond Overla.

Romayne Landers was born December 28, 1918 and married Truman Odle. They lived in Pike Township and are both deceased. Their two children are Carl Joe Odle, who lives in Dayton, Ohio and Vickie who married Carter Leonhard and live in Jay County. *Submitted by Vickie Leonard.*

Lanning Family

Clara Jane Lanning was born February 11, 1893, near Kit, Green Township, the daughter of Joseph Leander and Rebecca Jane (Bailey) Lanning. Her parents moved to Richardson County, Nebraska, November 9, 1897, and settled near Dawson. In spite of her young years, she remembered much about Jay County and the people there, probably because her parents talked about it a great deal. She loved the out-of-doors, gardening, raising flowers, and canning the vegetables she raised. She married October 16, 1912, Ira Marion Albin, a farmer, born August 8, 1889, in Nebraska, and they had three children, of whom I am the oldest. They spent most of their lives in Richardson County, except for five years near Denver, Colorado.

My sister, Frances Louise, born March 12, 1917, married September 25, 1940, Marcellous Newton Ott, associated with Mid America Dairy until retirement in 1981. His son, Richard, born 1938, has an electrical appliance service, married Doris Mueller, two children, Darryl and Brenda. Frances and "Marsh" had six children: (1) Martha Ann, born 1941, died at 5 days; (2) Jospeh Newton, born 1943, works in Civil Service, Ft. Riley, Kansas, married Carol Kehr, three children, Daniel, Michael, and Deborah; (3) Stephen Leroy, born 1945, works for A. T. & T., married Karen Bright, a secretary, on son, John; (4) Marsha Louise, born 1947, works for Boeing Aircraft, married Bruce Garren, who works in electrical appliance service, two sons, Jason and Jarrad; (5) Margaret Elaine, born 1950, married Stephen Kanel, a farmer, two daughters, Lisa and Stephanie; (6) David Lynn, born 1955, a building contractor, married Myong Suk Weinzirl, who was born in Korea, one son, David Chadwick. All live in Kansas.

Ira and Clara Jane (Lanning) Albin

My brother, Joseph Marion Albin, born April 5, 1921, lives on a farm near Humboldt, Nebraska, and works in automotive supplies. He served six years in the U. S. Navy, attaining the rank of Chief Petty Officer, was one of the survivors of Pearl Harbor. He married June 2, 1946, Margaret Mae Loennig, a school teacher. They have three children: (1) Thomas Joseph, Seattle, Washington, born 1949, a psychologist, was selected for Outstanding Young Men in America in 1979; (2) John Harmon, Lincoln, Nebraska, born 1954, an attorney for the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, married Julie Schmit, one son, John Squire, and an adopted daughter, Tanya; (3) Marian Mae, graduate in Journalism, is a free lance graphic artist, and works as supervisor of copy preparation for an insurance company in Omaha, Nebraska.

I was born October 21, 1913, and taught school until 1944, when I entered the University of Nebraska School of Nursing. I graduated in 1947, and then completed my work for an M.S. degree in Nursing Education at DePaul University in Chicago. I retired three years ago, after a career in nursing education education and administration in several states. *Submitted by Miss Ethel Albin.*

The J. L. Lanning Family

Joseph Leander Lanning was born July 16, 1864 in Perry County, Ohio. He came with his parents, David Martin Van Buren and Mary Eleanor (Powell) Lanning to Green Township in the early 1880's. Here he met Rebecca Jane Bailey, daughter of Peter P. and Felista (Long) Bailey, born September 6, 1865 in Madison Township. They were married November 24, 1886.

Joseph rented farms around Kit, but he was not entirely satisfied, as letters from family would indicate. He had made inquiry in Western Nebraska, Iowa, and Kentucky, but finally decided to go to Southeastern Nebraska, where his sister Amy Hoy and her husband had settled about 1890. He held a farm sale on October 27, 1897, and moved to Nebraska, by train, November 9, 1897, settling near Dawson.

Six of their twelve children were born near Kit: (1) Zuma

Joseph L. and Rebecca J. (Bailey) Lanning

Irene, born July 23, 1887, died October 7, 1966, Hiawatha, Kansas, married Earl Hock; (2) James Andrew, born January 3, 1889, died August 26, 1973, Dawson, Nebraska, married December 31, 1913, Myrtle May Johnson; (3) Blanche Lusella, born April 11, 1890, died February 1, 1974, Portland, Oregon, married March 9, 1910, Francis Edward Burgett; (4) Clara Jane, born February 11, 1893, died May 18, 1973, Pawnee City, Nebraska, married October 16, 1912, Ira Marion Albin; (5) Frederick Joseph, born November 9, 1894, married Erma Baker, lives Wilbur, Washington; (6) Pearl Ethel Marie, born March 21, 1897, died January 19, 1926, Nokomis, Saskatchewan, Canada, married March 21, 1915, J. Anderson McGinnis; the remaining six were born near Dawson, Nebraska: (7) Minnie Louise, born August 29, 1898, died 1975, Hiawatha, Kansas, married Salem Sweezey; (8) Urban Snyder, born January 21, 1900, never married, died September 6, 1975, Falls City, Nebraska; (9) Carl Nixon, born September 14, 1901, died January 15, 1972, Falls City, Nebraska, married January 1, 1944, Amy Vaugn; (10) An infant daughter was born and died February 24, 1904; (11) Everett Arthur, born February 20, 1905, died 1943, Anoka, Minnesota, married Mable Lefler; and (12) Joseph Leander, Jr., born June 16, 1907, died 1955, Anoka, Minnesota, married September 1, Clara Edith Lefler.

My memories of my grandparents were very pleasant. It was a time to visit with cousins, aunts, and uncles, as well as grandparents. My favorite time, however, was sitting on the stairsteps, when I was supposed to be upstairs fast asleep in bed, listening to Grandpa talk about the people and the days past in Indiana and Ohio. These names became so familiar to me that when I began researching, it was like meeting old friends. Grandpa saved all of the letters he received going back to 1884, and these are now in my proud possession. It reminds me of days when people had little but the necessities of life, but great love for each other. *Submitted by Miss Ethel Albin.*

The Van Lanning Family

David Martin Van Buren Lanning, known as "Van" by family and friends, was born February 13, 1836, the son of Joseph and Catherine Matilda (Skinner) Lanning. He married November 6, 1856, in Perry County, Ohio, Mary Eleanor Powell, born June 13, 1839, daughter of Moses and Enora (Barnes) Powell.

Early in the 1860's he brought his family to Jay County. On October 16, 1862, he was drafted for nine months and served in Charles W. Patten's Company M, of the 3rd Indiana Cavalry. He was discharged July 21, 1863. Since his father had died that March, he returned to Perry County to farm his mother's land.

In the early 1880's, the returned to Green Township, near Kit. Van's mother, Catherine, died there, August 1, 1884. In 1890, with the two youngest children, they returned again to Perry County. Mary Eleanor described their trip in a letter dated September 27, 1890, from near Fletcher Town, Miami County, Ohio. "It has been rainy 2 days and 2 nites, but not hard. Today is cold enuf to snow and the wind blows. I stand the trip lots better than I thot I would. I have been well all the time. We staid at Thomasas, Tuesday nite and eat dinner at Armenious Millers (a brother-in-law), and staid all nite at Albon Skinners (perhaps a cousin) that nite, and Thursday nite at Winters barn, and Friday nite by the south side of a barn in the wagon both nites, and tonite I don't know where. We come through Piqua this forenoon. We average 20 miles a day."

Van applied for a pension based on his military service in 1898, and died November 22, 1903. Mary Eleanor died December 28, 1915. Both are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Logan, Ohio. Their children were: (1) Jesse Stith, born October 19, 1857, died September 14, 1897, married Sarah E. Emerick; (2) Matilda Catherine, born October 5, 1859, married Tom Thompson; (3) Lusella, born January 27, 1861, died 1948, married first, John Nixon, and second, Robert Ruddock; (4) Joseph Leander, born July 16, 1864, died September 12, 1947, Richardson County, Nebraska,

Van and Mary Eleanor (Powell) Lanning

married November 24, 1886, in Jay County, Rebecca Jane Bailey, daughter of Peter P. and Felista (Long) Bailey; (5) Amy L., born April 2, 1866, died December 31, 1844, married James A. Hoy; (6) John Riley, born January 23, 1868, married Mary Emerick; (7) Ira A., born September 11, 1873, married Ida M. Martin; (8) Nora, born October 10, 1876, died 1927, married Jerome Mahaffey. Two children died young.

Van Lanning took his politics seriousely, as illustrated by an incident as told by a descendant of his brother. The Republicans were planning to hold a rally. Knowing this, Van mounted his horse, and carrying a Democrat banner, rushed to the head of the parade. He was arrested, but was released, as within his rights to express his political views. Today, he has a great-great grandson, Chris Beutler, who is a State Senator in the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, and another, John Albin, who is an attorney, involved in writing the laws for the legislature. Democrats? Of course! What else? *Submitted by Miss Ethel Albin.*

Linley Lawrence Family

Linley Lawrence was born in 1874, to Rev. William Wesley Lawrence and Irena Cox Lawrence in Randolph County, North Caroline. When Linley was ten, his mother died leaving six children. Immediately Linley had to find work. It was man's work, too. He couldn't go to school because he had to help support the family. At age 16, he became very ill with dysentary, which left him very weak. When the doctor saw Linley's uncle, Yancy Cox, he said "Linley needs to rest and not work". So Uncle Yancy took him to his home. Uncle Yancy asked Linley, "How would thee like to go to Indiana to live?" Linley asked, "Why Indiana?" Yancy answered, "Some people from here moved to Randolph Co., Indiana which is named for this county. Thee would not be amoung strangers, but friends."

In 1891, Linley came to Winchester, Ind. by train. He went to work for a Mr. Murphy (Ethel Burk's father). He also worked for Gideon Byrd and the Retter's.

In 1901, he bought a farm in Adams Co., south of Geneva. He worked building roads north of Dunkirk. Here he met Tillie Dickson, daughter of Samuel and Harriett Landon Dickson, whom Linley married on April 10, 1906.

On June 1, 1907, William Lawrence was born. A flood washed out a bridge north of Co. Road 135. Dr. Bockoven, with a horse and buggy went from Bryant to meet Linley by the river. They had to cross the river by horseback to ride back to the house to deliver the baby.

In November 1907, the family went back to North Carolina for the winter.

In 1908, the Lawrences moved to Bryant, Jay Co., Ind.

In 1910, Linley bought 40 acres with a log house (on Co. Rd. 145). A daughter Waneta was born in November of 1910.

In 1914, Linley bought another 80 acres, where they lived for many years. Tillie Dickson Lawrence died in 1920 and Linley died in 1958 and buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant.

William and Waneta went to Overmyer School till it was destroyed in March 1920, by a tornado. They finished school at Bryant. Leavy Logan Franklin was the teacher at Overmyer school. The tornado was the West Liberty cyclone which killed 12 people.

William S. Linley and Waneta Lawrence—taken in 1938

Waneta worked at Nussbaum Novelty, Berne, Ind. for 14 years. She now lives at Colonial Crest Convalescent Center, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

In 1931, William bought the Sanders farm on Co. Rd. 24. On October 14, 1938 he married Alyce Totten of Portland, at the West Walnut Church of Christ.

In April 1939 the REMC turned on electricity in the area. William wired their own home and several others. He also did custom combining with Ward Weisel for many years.

In 1945, William, Jr. was born and in 1953 Sharon Loetia was born.

In 1958, William Lawrence Sr. died, and is buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery.

In 1964, William Jr. married Sandra Whetstone and they have two children. Rita 1965, and Gary 1969. They lived in Bryant and he is self-employed.

Sharon married Robert L. Brown. They live on Co. Rd. 70, R.R. 1 Pennville, Ind. They have two children, Matthew, 1972 and Jeremy 1978. They both work at CTS of Berne, Ind. *Submitted by Alyce M. Lawrence.*

John Lee Family

John Lee, my great grandfather, was born in County Galway, Ireland on July 15, 1811. We cannot find the record when he came to America. However, he married Margaret Cunningham of Ritchie County, West Virginia on April 11, 1832.

In 1844 they came in a covered wagon to Fort Recovery, Ohio and settled a couple miles west of the settlement in Noble Twp., Jay County, Indiana, close to Margaret's brothers. They had eight children: Permalia (Millie), William (my grandfather), James, Joseph, Rachel, Adam, Anderson and John. I remember seeing Adam, who lived in Portland, when I was just a tad. He was old. John and Margaret Lee are buried in the Abraham Lotz Cememtery, Madison Twp., Jay County, Indiana.

Grandfather William Lee, born July 12, 1837, married Nancy Isenhart, the fourth child of William and Mary (Glassford) Isenhart. The Isenharts had purchased 160 acres from the U.S. Government, Fort Wayne, Indiana approximately one half mile west of Lancaster (later to become

Salamonia) where they built a cabin and started their family of John, Berdine, George, Nancy, Mary and Jane. Later the land was divided as follows: George received 40 acres on the south side of the road; Berdine the east 40 acres on the north side of the road and Nancy the 60 acres west of Berdines which was bounded by the Lookout School grounds. In 1841 William Isenhart started building a two story house from timber harvested from his land. The timbers were massive and the siding was walnut cut with a pit saw. The house was completed in 1842 and is still standing at this date.

To William Lee and Nancy Isenhart were born nine children who lived most of their lives in Jay County as follows: Theodore Lee, born 1-15-1862, was a farmer in Wayne Twp.; Adam Lee, born 11-25-1863, was a farmer in Pike Twp.; John Lee, born 10-25-1865, was a tailor and shoe cobbler in Redkey and Salamonia; Charles Lee, born 2-10-1868, was a tailor and barber in Redkey and Salamonia; Arthur (Pet) Lee, born 4-1-1870, was a barber in Star City, Indiana; Florence Emmaretta, born 10-17-1872, married Charles Tarpening of Danville, Illinois; Harvey Wilson Lee, born 1-13-75, was a farmer in Jefferson and Madison Twp.; Martin Joseph Lee, born 6-22-1877, was a baker in Redkey and Fort Wayne; Margaret Jane Lee, born 8-28-1880, died at the age of thirteen; Clara Ethel Lee, born 4-13-1889, married Rufus Imes. They lived on a farm in Jefferson Twp. and had three sons.

My father, Harvey Wilson Lee married Augusta M. Theurer of Noble Twp. daughter of Jacob and Christina (Grile) Theurer. My father farmed and worked as a carpenter until his death in 1937. There were four girls and four boys in the family as follows: Treva married Ernest Steed; Dorothy married Lloyed Grissom, later Charles Landess; Mable married John Bischoff; Florence married Vernon Mott; Donald married Ruby Neff; Carl married Erma Taylor; Alvin Lester died at the age of seven. Except for Carl they have all lived within a hundred miles of Portland. The writer, after graduating from Ball State Teachers College, married a high school classmate, Esther Stewart, who graduated from School of Nursing, Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, in 1929. While teaching in the Madison Twp. High School and Fort Recovery High School, we lived in Salamonia, Indiana where our two older children, Nancy Jane and William Paul II were born in the Portland hospital. Our youngest daughter, Alice Elaine was born in Dayton, Ohio. The two girls have degrees in education. Bill has a degree in engineering. The three are married and have given us a total of eight grandchildren and one great grand child.

We expect to spend the balance of our days in Muncie, Indiana; gardening, raising flowers, refinishing antiques, weaving chair seats and volunteering at Ball Memorial Hospital. *Submitted by W. P. Lee.*

Lee Family

It took Margaret Cunningham Lee and her husband, John Lee, five years to cover the distance from Wood County, Virginia, where they were married in 1832, to Jay County, Indiana. As bride and groom they started "west" in John's wagon equipped with some crude tools, a couple of horse blankets, a large iron skillet, a side of bacon, a sack of cornmeal, potatoes, brown sugar and, most importantly, a cow which had recently weaned a calf. Progress was slow and hazardous. There was danger from Indians, wild animals, storms and swollen streams. Roads were poorly marked and, often, underbrush had to be cleared. To earn money for supplies John frequently stopped along the way to work for farmers.

Margaret's grandfather was John Moreland, a Revolutionary War soldier, a private in the 3rd Virginia Continental Line. He fought in the Battles of York Island, White Plains, Trenton, Princeton and Germantown. After the dreadful winter at Valley Forge with General Washington he was discharged but reenlisted and served more than two more years.

Margaret's parents, Edward and Sarah Cunningham, had fourteen children, three of whom moved gradually north westward to Ft. Recovery, Ohio, an army post and a refuge from Indians, and thence into Jay County.

Ft. Recovery was the first destination of Margaret and John. Seven children were born to them, three in Virginia. A daughter, Rachel and three sons were born in Jay County. John died August 6, 1855 at the age of 44 years. Margaret married a Mr. Lighthizer but at her death, Dec. 21, 1863, was buried beside John in Lotz Cemetery, southeast of Salamonia, Jay County. Some years ago the fence enclosing the cemetery had fallen down and cattle had knocked over all the markers many of which were broken into pieces. Due to publicity concerning the cemetery's plight it was refenced in 1971 and a large marker erected listing all of the people buried in the cemetery.

Rachel, daughter of Margaret and John, was born March 5, 1848. She married January 15, 1880, Jacob Fortney Isenberger, cabinet maker and farmer. He had been born in 1836 near Harrisburg, Pa. Rachel and Jacob's son, Bertice Alvin, born June 1, 1882, and daughter, Clara Dawna, born near sunrise July 4, 1887, were born on Coulson's Hill, Portland. Clara and her parents moved to Paradise, Kansas where a son of Jacob by an earlier marriage was establising a general store. Eventually, the family moved to Knob Noster, Mo. where Jacob learned to be a pharmacist. Three of his sons by his first wife had become doctors. Rachel Lee Isenberger died in Knob Noster January 1, 1902. Clara Dawna attended high school in Topeka, Kansas where she married Burton Hill, president of Hill Packing Company, second company in the United States to manufacture dog food. Clara Dawna Hill died May 6, 1977. She and Burton Hill had three daughters: Faye Dawna, now Mrs. Horace Greene; Fern Darlene, now Mrs. Don Hogue and Floy Daylia, now Mrs. Allan Hancock, all residing in Topeka, Kansas. *Submitted by Faye Greene (Mrs. Horace T. Greene).*

LeMaster

The Haley-LeMaster families have been residents of Jay County for over one hundred and thirty years. They have been farmers, laborers, teachers, ministers, doctors, soldiers, elected and appointed officials. The following is the story of my family.

Ord Wehrly LeMaster, the son of Luman Cooper and Barbara Isabelle (Wehrly), was born September 9, 1906 in Madison Township, Jay County. Ord married Ruth Haley in____. They have six children: Paul Waynard, Idola Belle, Jaunita Faye, Ord Weldon, Ruth Arlene, and Victor Lyn.

Paul Waynard is a farmer and married to Betty Lanning. They have five children: Gerald, Michael, Phillip Ord, Stanley, and Nancy Jo. Idola Belle is married to Donald Coats. There are three children: James, Donna Ruth, and Lori. Idola teaches school. Juanita Faye is a school teacher in the Jay County school system, and is married to Harold Steigerwalt, a meat department manager with Marsh foods. Their children are: Mark, Rick, Debra and Eric. Ord Weldon lives at Alexandria with his wife, the former Gloria Wright, and he teaches there. Their children are: Travis, Jason, and Michelle. Ruth Arlene teaches in Portland, was married to Robert Chaney, and has a son Kyle. Victor Lyn is an athletic trainer at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York.

Ruth Pauline LeMaster's ancestors migrated to the United States in 1838 from Saxony in Germany. Upon arriving here, John Metzner worked as a wagon maker in Baltimore, Maryland, for a year before moving on to Ohio near Newark. There he married Catherine Young. In 1851, they came to Noble Township, Jay County, where he acquired an 80 acre farm in section 7. Here he cleared land, and they lived in a log cabin with a split log floor and clapboard roof. Catherine Young's parents, Nickolas and Salome Young, came also to Noble Township. She was born in France and migrated to the United States in 1834. They were living in Newark, Ohio when John met her.

At age eleven, John Adam Metzner, Ruth Pauline's maternal grandfather, came to Jay County with his parents in 1851. He was born in Licking County, Ohio. During the Civil War, he served with the Fourteenth Ohio Infantry and was wounded on May 30, 1864. In November, while on furlough, he married Clara Moulton. They had four children: Cora Belle, William, Wesley F., and Lewis. The two younger children died young. They resided on an 80 acre farm in section 1 in Wayne Township. Both John Adam and Clara Metzner were members of the Evangelical Association, and John was superintendent of Mt. Zion Church in 1887. Both are buried in that church's cemetery.

Cora Belle Metzner, Ruth's mother, was born in Jay County in 1868. She married Eli Weldon Haley. Cora and Eli lived on a fourteen acre farm near Mt. Zion Church where they raised much food and some animals. Their children were: Vera, Orpha, Mary, Elnora, Charles, Carrie, and Ruth Pauline. Vera married Clarence Stuber. They had one child, Eldon, who died in infancy. Orpha died at age twelve. Mary married Galen Miller. They operated a grocery in Portland and later moved to Muncie. Their children were Mildren and Elvin. Elnora married Eugene Kunce. They had one son, Lowell. Charles died at the age of five months. Carrie married Waymon Thornburg. Ruth Pauline married Ord Wehrly LeMaster. They were the parents of the author of this article. Both Cora and Eli are buried in the church cemetery at Mt. Zion, as are Charles and Orpha. Eli Weldon lived until his 91st birthday in 1957. Cora had died in 1955.

Luman Walker Sr., great-grandfather of Ord Wehrly LeMaster, with his wife, Nancy Young, moved their family to Madison Township, Jay County, in 1854. They had migrated to western Ohio from Mason County, West Virginia, after the War of 1812 to Shelby County. Luman and Nancy lived out their lives on their 160 acre farm west of Salamonia. Luman was a Methodist minister and a farmer.

Luman Walker Jr. was born at Port Jefferson, Ohio, and was twelve years old when the family came to Jay County. He completed his schooling, including two years attendance at the Farmers Academy at College Corner, Jay County. He served in the Union Army, enlisting in 1861. He was with the Company C, 39th Regimental Indiana Voluntary Infantry, a company of men formed in Jay County. He was wounded in battle and received his discharge seven months later. In 1868, he married Mary Kay Chew, the daughter of Dr. Ezekiel and Caroline Chew of Rose Hill, Ohio. Luman Jr. and Mary Kay were active in promoting the Methodist Episcopal Church in Salamonia. Mary Kay taught in the Sunday school, and Luman Jr. was on the board of trustees for many years. Both are buried in West Park at Salamonia, along with Luman's parents.

The father of Ord Wehrly, Luman Cooper Lemaster, married Barbara I. Wehrly and moved to Ord, Valley County, Nebraska. They lived near an uncle, Jacob LeMaster, who had settled there in the early 1880's. There they became parents of Chester. Later they came back to Jay County where they raised their twelve children to adulthood. These children were: Clarence Harrison, Chesleigh Franklin, Bertha Alberta, Floyd, Gerald Walker, Stanley Duey, Dorothy D., John Leland, Freda Claire, Ord Wehrly, Mary Olive, Elvin Cooper.

Clarence Harrison, born June 14, 1888, married Mae Bickel. Their children were: Kenneth, Mary (Hummel), Garth, and Jean (Addington). Chesleigh Franklin, born May 25, 1890, married Clara Burkey. Their six children are: Donald; Doris; Ralph; Dale; Patty Lou, who died at the age of twelve; and Wilma, who died at the age of two months. Bertha Alberta was born June 26, 1892 and married Russel Hercules. Their issue were: Mervel; Martha (Spears); Gerald, who died as an infant, and Dorothy, who also died in infancy. Floyd, born February 2, 1894, married Opal Gagle. They became the parents of Ramonda (Herchaman) and Floyd II. Gerald Walker, born January 15, 1896, married Mabel Jautec. They had three youngsters: Marine, who died at age eleven; Nadine (Pease), and Roberta (LeMaux). After the death of Mabel, Gerald married Pearl Smith and had two more children, Mary (Matthews) and Robert. Stanley Duey, born February 22, 1898, married Anna Beard, and they had four children: Stanley; Robert M.; Barbara (Laney); and Phillip. Dorothy D., born March 19, 1900, married Charles Hunt with three children: Marylin (Armbruster), Charles, and William. She is remarried to Glen Lock. John Leland, born April 25, 1902, married Dorothy DeLauter. They had six children: Geraldine (Stoner), Ardis (Bickel), Ann (Monger), John Jr., Roger and William. Freda Claire, born April 27, 1904, married Orville LaFollette. Their issue was: Sandra (Domony) and Sharon (Stufflefield). Ord Wehrly, born September 30, 1906, married Ruth Haley. Their six children are listed earlier. Mary Olive, born October 3, 1909, married Thornton Taylor. They have Eva Marie (Adkins). Elvin Cooper, born July 9, 1912, married Cleo Hanks. They had four children: Phyllis, Nancy, Linda, and Sharol Ann.

The Wehrlys have Swiss Moravian background, coming to America from Switzerland to Holland to Germany to England. Barbara Wehrly's oldest authentic Wehrly relative is Henry Wehrly of York County, Pennsylvania, born about 1740. The Wehrly family moved from Pennsylvania in the 1820's, settling in Preble County, Ohio. Here John Wehrly, son of Henry and his wife, Barbara Petry of York County, Pennsylvania, had all their nine children. In 1854, they moved their family to Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana. William P. Wehrly, the grandfather of Ord Wehrly LeMaster, was the youngest child of John and Barbara. He was nine years old when they moved to Indiana. Before his eighteenth birthday, he enlisted in the Union Army, about October 1863. His regiment was 130th Indiana, Co. 1. He was in the same company as his future father-in-law, William Smith, a 44 years old sergeant from Jay County. After returning to Salamonia, William P. married William Smith's daughter, Olive.

William and Olive had 13 children, all born in Madison Township. For the first seven years of their marriage, they farmed in Noble Township. He then purchased and operated the sawmill at Salamonia. Barbara Isabelle was the second child of William and Olive, and she married Luman Cooper LeMaster, November 13, 1886. *Submitted by Ord Weldon LeMaster.*

John Adam Metzner ca. 1864

Ord Wehrly Lemaster Family

I am Ord Weldon LeMaster, son of Ord Wehlry and Ruth Pauline (Haley). I was born March 31, 1944 in Portland, Indiana. A 1962 graduate of Portland Wayne Twp. High School. I pursued further educational study at Ball State University receiving a Master of Arts degree in education in 1968. From 1966-1975, I taught social science at Dunkirk High School, Dunkirk, Indiana and presently teach at Frankton High Schol, Frankton, Indiana, Madison County.

On December 7, 1967 I married Gloria Jean Wright of Alexandria, Indiana. We live near Alexandria, Indiana and have three children: Travis John (b. Nov. 5, 1968), Jason Tate (b. June 12, 1971) and Michelle (b. June 9, 1973).

My paternal and material ancestors and relatives have been residents of Jay County, Indiana for over one hundred and thirty years. They have been farmers, labors, teachers, ministers, doctors, soldiers, elected and appointed officials of the county. I am proud of my Jay County heritage.

The following is the story of my family in Jay County, Indiana.

Ord Wehrly LeMaster, deceased, son of Luman Cooper and Barbara Isabelle Wehrly, was born September 30, 1906, Madison Twp., Jay Co., Ind. He married Ruth Pauline Haley of Noble Twp., Jay Co., Indiana. They have six children: (1) Paul Waynard, born July 24, 1932, married Betty Lanning and their five children are Gerald (b. March 30, 1953, Portland, Ind.), Michael (b. Feb. 5, 1955, Portland, Ind.), Phillip Ord (b. March 17, 1956, Portland, Ind.), Stanley (b. June 16, 1957, Portland, Ind.), and Nancy Jo (b. Nov. 17, 1965, Portland, Ind.); (2) Idola Belle, born December 30, 1933, married Donald Coats and their children are James (b. Nov. 12, 1956, Portland, Ind.), Donna Ruth (b. April 21, 1965, Portland, Ind.), and Lori (b. August 13, 1970, Muncie, Ind.); (3) Juanita Faye, born October 12, 1939, who married Harold Steigerwalt and have four children: Mark (b. April 24, 1961, Portland, Ind.), Rick (b. Nov. 4, 1963, Portland, Ind.), Debbie (b. April 25, 1970, Portland, Ind.), and Eric (b. Aug. 24, 1973, Portland, Ind.), (4) Ord Weldon, born March 31, 1944, married Gloria Wright and they have three children: Travis, Jason, and Michelle; (5) Ruth Arlene, born October 1, 1951, who married Robert Chaney and has one child, Kyle (b. July 21, 1979, Portland, Ind.); (6) Victor Lynn, born June 14, 1955.

Eli Weldon and Cora Belle Haley ca. 1923

Ord Wehrly grew to manhood in Madison Twp., completing his schooling at Madison Twp. High School in 1928. After marrying Ruth Haley, they farmed land in Madison and Noble townships. His last 25 years of work was spend at Delco Battery, Muncie, Indiana. All of their children were born and reared in Jay County. Paul is a farmer living near Portland, Indiana; Idola, a teacher, lives near Muncie, Indiana; Juanita, a teacher, lives in Portland; Ord Weldon, a teacher, lives in Alexandria, Indiana; Ruth Arlene, a teacher, lives in Portland, and Victor, an assistant athletic trainer at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

Ruth Pauline, the wife of Ord Wehrly, was born April 11, 1911 in Noble Twp., Jay Co., Ind. She is the daughter of Eli Weldon Heley and Cora Belle Metzner. Mrs. LeMaster is a lifetime resident of Jay County and today lives at her home of over thirty years in Portland, Indiana.

The Metzner ancestors of Ruth Pauline migrated to the United States in 1838. John Metzner, born October 2, 1805, Saxony, Germany and father Jasper Metzner left Europe in the spring of 1838 for America. Jasper Metzner died during that crossing and was buried at sea. Arriving at Baltimore, Maryland, John worked for a year in that city as a wagonmaker. On November 4, 1839 in Newark, Ohio, Licking Co. he married Catherine Young. Before moving to Noble

Twp., Jay Co., John Metzner worked as a wagon maker in St. Louisville, Ohio 1839-1851. In 1851 he moved his family to an 80 acre farm in section 7 of Noble Twp., Jay Co. Here he cleared the land and lived in a log cabin with a split-log floor and clapboard roof.

Catherine Young, the wife of John Metzner, was born July, 1819 in France, the daughter of Nickolas and Salome Young. Nickolas Young migrated to the United States in 1834 living in Newark, Ohio before moving to Jay County in 1851.

At age 11 John Adam Metzner, maternal grandfather of Ruth LeMaster, came to Jay County with his parents in 1851. He was born in Licking Co., Ohio on August 23, 1840. During the Civil War he served with the Fourteenth Ohio Infantry and was wounded on May 30, 1864. On November 13, 1864, while home on furlough, he married Clara Moulton. They had four children: Cora Belle (b. Aug. 21, 1868, Jay Co.), William (d. 12 years), Wesley F. (b. March 10, 1872, d. Nov. 5, 1953) and Lewis (d. 3 days). They resided on an 80 acre farm in Section 1, Wayne Twp., Jay Co. Both John Adam and Clara Metzner were members of the Evangelical Association. John Adam was superintendent of Mt. Zion Church in 1887. Both are buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Cora Belle Metzner, Ruth's mother, married Eli Weldon Haley on July 21, 1888. Cora and her husband Eli lived on a 14 acre farm near Mt. Zion Church in section 9 Noble Twp. They had seven children: (1) Vera (b. March 10, 1890, Noble Twp.), married Clarence Stuber (b. Feb. 4, 1891, d. May 20, 1981), they had one child, Eldon (d. infant); (2) Orpha (b. Oct. 7, 1892, d. 1904, Jay Co.); (3) Mary (b. Aug. 23, 1895, Noble Twp.) married Galen Miller (b. Nov. 23, 1894, Jay Co., d. July 6, 1973, Muncie, Ind.), they have two children: Mildred (b. July 13, 1918, Jay Co.), and Elvin (b. Jan. 10, 1923, Jay Co.); (4) Elnora (b. Oct. 31, 1900, Noble Twp.) married Eugene Kunce (b. June 15, 1901, Jay Co.) and they have one child, Lowell (b. Dec. 18, 1927); (5) Charles (b. Sept. 13, 1902, d. Feb. 1903); (6) Carrie (b. May 14, 1905, Noble Twp.), married Waymon Thornborg (b. Dec. 26, 1903, d. July 17, 1973, Jay Co.); and (7) Ruth who married Ord Wehrly LeMaster. Both Cora and Eli are buried in the church cemetery at Mt. Zion as well as Orpha and Charles.

George W. Haley, paternal grandfather of Ruth P. LeMaster, was born in Hardin County, Ohio on May 16, 1840, the son of George J. Haley who migrated from Switzerland to the United States with his parents in 1816. He married Mary Jane Sherick of Ashland Co., Ohio on October 14, 1862 and moved the family to Jay Co. in 1880.

The 1887 landowner map of Jay County shows the Haley name in Sections 3, 4, and 5. One farm of 79 acres near Mt. Zion Church along Limberlost Creek was owned by G. W. Haley, Jr. and another farm of 40 acres to the north owned by G. W. Haley, Sr. In Section 4, 87.85 acres divided by the Limberlost Creek is in G. W. Haley Sr.'s name. Another 136.46 acres belongs to Geo. Haley in Section 3.

Ruth's father, Eli Weldon Haley, was born in Erie County, Ohio on March 24, 1866, and came to Jay County with his parents at age 14 in 1880. He married Cora B. Metzner July 21, 1888, at the home of John Adam Metzner in Wayne Twp. Eli remained a lifelong resident of Jay Co., dying at age 91 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clarence (Vera) Stuber on June 14, 1957. Cora had died on April 28, 1955.

Ord Wehrly LeMaster's ancestors can be traced back to the Mason Co. area of present day West Virginia. These pioneers began migrating to Western Ohio after the War of 1812. They first moved to Champaign Co., Ohio in late 1815. About three years later in 1818 or early 1819, the family permanently settled in what is now Section 33 of Salem Twp., Shelby County, Ohio.

Luman Walker Sr., the great-grandfather of Ord Wehrly, with his wife Nancy Young moved their family to Madison Twp., Jay County in 1854. Here Luman and Nancy lived out their lives on a 160 acre farm west of Salamonia, Indiana. Luman was a Methodist minister and farmer.

Luman Walker Jr., born October 19, 1842 at Port Jefferson, Ohio, was 12 years of age when his family moved to Madison Twp. He grew to manhood and completed his schooling including two years of attendance at Farmers Academy at College Corner in Jay County. He enlisted in the Union Army August 1861 and served in Company C 39th. Regt. Ind. Vol. Inf. a company of men formed in Jay County. Wounded in action at Dechard's Ford, Tennessee on July 3, 1863, he was treated at military hospitals and discharged seven months later. On October 2, 1864, Luman Jr. married Mary Kay Chew and resided in Jay Co. until about 1868 when they moved a few miles east to Rose Hill, Darke Co., Ohio, living near his wife's parents, Dr. Ezekiel and Caroline Chew. In 1876 they moved back to Madison Twp. near present day Salamonia, where they bought three acres in the northwest corner of Luman Sr.'s farm. There they built a home and raised their family while Luman helped to farm his father's land. Luman Jr. and his wife Mary were active promoters in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Salamonia, Ind. Luman W. Sr. was one of the local preachers. Luman Jr. served as a member of the board of trustees until 1920 and his wife was a Sunday School teacher for many years. Mary died February 22, 1927 and Luman Jr. died November 18, 1931. They are buried in West Park Cemetery at Salamonia beside Luman's parents.

The father of Ord Wehrly, Luman Cooper married Barabara I. Wehrly in 1886 and moved to Valley County, Nebraska near the town of Ord. Their first son, Clarence Harrison was born in Nebraska. Luman C. lived near his Uncle Jacob, who had settled near Ord, Nebraska in the early 1880's. Sometime after the birth of Clarence and before the birth of Chesleigh, Luman and Barbara moved back to Jay County, Indiana where they raised their 12 children to adulthood. They are: (1) Clarence Harrison (b. June 14, 1898, Neb., d. Nov. 28, 1963, Jay Co.) married Mae Bickel (b. Aug. 27, 1891, Jay Co., d. July 20, 1978, Muncie, Ind.). Issue: four children, Kenneth, Mary (Hummel), Garth, and Jean (Addington); (2) Chesleigh Franklin (b. May 25, 1890, Jay Co., d. Aug. 7, 1960, Jay Co.) married Clara Burkey. Issue: six children, Donald, Doris, Ralph, Dale, Patty Lou (d. 2 yrs.) and Wilma (d. 2 months); (3) Bertha Alberta (b. June 26, 1892, Jay Co., d. Dec. 30, 1961, Wayne Co., Ind.) married Russell Hercules (b. Jan. 28, 1890, Ohio, d. April 30, 1966). Issue: four children, Murvel (d. 1963), Martha (Spears), Gerald (d. infant), Dorathy (d. infant); (4) Floyd (b. Feb. 2, 1894, Jay Co.) who married Opal Gagle and they have two children, Ramonda (Herchamon) and Floyd II; (5) Gerald Walker (b. Jan. 15, 1896, Jay Co.) married Mabel Jautec (b. Nov. 9, 1898, d. Jan. 3, 1927) they had three children, Marine (d. 11 yrs.), Nadine (Pease) and Roberta (Lemonx). After the

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death of his first wife, Gerald marrid Pearl Smith and they had two children, Mary (Mathews) and Robert; (6) Stanley Duey (b. Feb. 22, 1898, Jay Co.) married Anna Beard (b. Oct. 27, 1901). Issue: four children, Stanley, Robert M., Barbara (Laney) and Philip; (7) Dorothy Dot (b. March 19, 1900, Jay Co.) married Charles Hunt (b. July 13, 1900, Abington, Ind., d. Feb. 11, 1956). Issue: three children, Marylin (Armburster), Charles and William. She is remarried to Glen Lock; (8) John Leland (b. April 25, 1902, Jay Co., d. Jan. 13, 1980) married Dorothy DeLauter (b. Dec. 21, 1902, Jay Co., d. May 24, 1976, Jay Co.). Issue: six children, Geraldine (Stoner), Ardis (Bickel), Ann (Monger), John Jr. (d. 1973), Roger (d. 1972) and William (d. 1978); (9) Freda Claire (b. April 27, 1904, Jay Co., d. April 25, 1979, Akron, Ohio) married Orville LaFollette. Issue: two children, Sandra (Domany) and Sharon (Stufflefield); (10) Ord Wehrly (b. Sept. 30, 1906, d. Oct. 30, 1971, Wells Co.) married Ruth Haley, Issue: six children, Paul, Idola (Coats), Juanita (Steigerwalt), Ord Weldon, Ruth (Chaney) and Victor; (11) Mary Olive (b. Oct. 3, 1909, Jay Co.) married Thornton Taylor (d. March 1976). They have one child, Eva Marie (Adkins); (12) Elvin Cooper (b. July 9, 1912, Jay Co.) married Cleo Hanks. Issue: four children, Phyllis, Nancy, Linda, and Sharol Ann.

The spelling of the family name has changed. Photo copies of signatures show that Luman Walker, Jr. spelled his last name with a small "m" and a final "s". Luman Cooper used a capital "M" and no final "s".

The Wehrly's have a Swiss-Moravian background coming to America from Switzerland by way of Holland to Germany to England. Barbara Wehrly's oldest authentic Wehrly relative in the United States is Henry Wehrly of York Co., Pennsylvania, born about 1740. The Wehrly's moved from Pennsylvania in the 1820's to Ohio settling in Preble County. Here John Wehrly, son of Henry, and his wife Barbara Petry of York Co., Pa. had all nine of their children. In 1854 they moved their family to Madison Twp., Jay County.

William P. Wehrly, the grandfather of Ord Wehrly LeMaster, was the youngest child of John and Barbara and was nine years old when the family moved to Indiana. He had not yet attained his eighteenth birthday when in October 1863, he enlisted in the Union Army. His regiment was the One Hundred and Thirtieth Indiana Company I. In the same company was his future father-in-law, William Smith, a 41 year old sergeant from Jay County. After returning to Salamonia, William P. married Mr. Smith's daughter, Olive.

William (b. Nov. 2, 1845, Preble Co., Ohio, d. June 16, 1909, Jay Co.) and Olive (b. June 23, 1846, Cass Co., Mich., d. Jan. 6, 1913, Jay Co.) had 13 children all born in Madison Twp., Jay County. For the first seven years of their marriage they lived and farmed in Noble Twp. Then in 1876, he purchased and operated the sawmill at Salamonia, Indiana.

Barbara Isabelle (b. March 14, 1869, Jay Co., d. Feb. 7, 1930, Jay Co.) was the second child of William and Olive and married Luman Cooper LeMaster on November 13, 1886. *Submitted by Ord Weldon LeMaster.*

Christian Leonhard

Christian "Chris" Leonhard (born 1-4-1864, died 3-13-1946) and Sarah (Haley) Leonhard (died 1900) were the parents of seven children. Son, Merle Leonhard (born 3-8-1887, died 9-30-1961) married Carrie Stuber (born 10-25-1887, still living at age 94, in Arizona with her daughter, Mrs. Walter (Ruth) Cook.) Daughter, Della Leonhard, (born 8-10-1888) married Elza Burt Gagle (born 12-17-1887, died 1-23-1964). Grace Leonhard, (born 5-29-1890) married Charles Phillips (born 10-8-1887, died 10-5-1960). Hazel Leonhard (born 11-24-1891, died 7-28-1963) married Glen Hutchens (born 7-18-1891, died 10-5-1960). Orville Leonhard (born 8-6-1893, died 10-28-1968) married Osa Zorn (born 10-16-1899, died 3-26-1939). William Leonhard (born 2-27-1900, died 12-13-1977) married Mildred Hanlin (born 9-24-1900). Ina Fay Leonhard (born April 17, 1897, died April 19, 1951) married Ray L. Freemyer (born 9-13-1895).

Chris and his family moved to Noble Township from Jackson Township, Jay County, in 1900. His wife passed away when the youngest child was only eight months old. William (the youngest) was raised in the Jake Luttmen home in Noble Township and Chris raised the other children by himself.

Della Gagle and Grace Phillips are now residing in the Community Care Center, Portland, Indiana and Mildred Leonhard on West Arch Street, Portland.

William Henry Letts

William Henry Letts, one of the prominent pioneers of Jay County resided in Jackson Township. He was born Aug. 3, 1838 in Warren County, Ohio and in 1854 came to Jay County. He died Sept. 2, 1903 and is buried in the Hillside Cemetery at Pennville. His parents were James and Mary Silvers Letts of New Jersey who also moved to Jay County.

Mr. Letts was reared a farmer. He became a charter member of the United Brethern Church at Oakland near Wall. He had one brother, Aaron, and one sister, Jane, both born in Ohio and resided in Jay County.

William was married Dec. 24, 1860 to Adeline Hopkins, daughter of Ambrose W. Hopkins and Eliza Gardner and to them were born three children: Mary Emaline in 1863, Aaron Woodward, Jr. in 1861 and Lucy Ellen in 1866. Mary Emaline married Emery T. Lewis of Fiat, Aaron W. married

William and Mary Letts with Madge

May Tinkle and Lucy Ellen married Luther Simmons of Hartford City. Mrs. Letts passed away July 21, 1885 and is buried in the Pennville Cemetery.

William was then married to Mary O. (Williams) Haffner, daughter of Samuel Kile Williams and Amelia Gray, on Jan. 22, 1888. They were the parents of two children, Madge D. and Aaron who died in infancy.

Mary O. was first married to Henry Wilson Haffner, Sept. 23, 1867. They were the parents of four children: James Harrison born in 1868, Hattie Ellen born in 1870, Arthur Wilson born in 1871, Jessie Alice born in 1880. James H. married Mary Lamar, Hattie Ellen married Lewis Stout, Arthur W. married Essie Willson and Allie to Foster Willson. Mr. Haffner is buried in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Madge was born Sept. 16, 1890 in Jackson Township and attended the Oakland School and Oakland Church. She married Ira S. Beard, son of Paul Mills Beard and Adaline Platt on Dec. 26, 1908. He was born Sept. 9, 1878 near Lynn, Indiana. They have two daughters, Audrey O. and Mildred M.

Mr. Beard grew up in the White Oak community and worked in the early oil industry in Jay County and Adams County. Later he was employed in Illinois, California, Kansas, Oklahoma, and in the oilfields. He retired on a farm in Penn Township in 1930. He was a Spanish American War veteran serving in the 19th U.S.A. Infantry Co. B in China, Japan and the Phillippines. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge in Geneva. He died July 14, 1960 in Portland.

Audrey, Madge, Ira and Mildred Smith at Beard 50th anniversary.

Mrs. Beard was a member of Portland Eastern Star, the White Shrine of Jerusalem in Portland and the Asbury Methodist Church. She passed away Feb. 24, 1972 in Portland. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beard are buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Pennville.

Audrey O. was born Nov. 25, 1909 in Jackson Township. She attended North Eastern State College in Tahlequah, Okla., Oklahoma A & M College, Purdue University and Ball State University. She taught in both Oklahoma and Indiana Schools in Jay, Blackford and Wells counties.

Mildred M. was born Aug. 12, 1930 in Kansas City, Mo. She is married to Wilbert Smith. They have lived all their married life in Jay County. They have four children and two grandchildren. *Submitted by Audrey O. Kennedy.*

Limbert Family

Henry and Catherine Wagner Limbert were natives of Perry County, Pennsylvania, who migrated to Ohio in 1822. They settled on a farm near the village of Arlington, in Montgomery County, Clay Township. There they began farming and making their home. They raised ten children: John, Lewis, Henry, Barbara, Polly, George, Levi Adam, Susan, Betsey, and Sarah.

George Limbert married Rachel Swank at Arlington, Montgomery Co., Ohio. They farmed, and George was a bootmaker. One of his boot forms is in the Jay County Historical Society Museum. In 1859, George, Rachel and their family purchased land and moved to Randolph County, Ind. Their home was east of Saratoga. They farmed and spent the rest of their lives there. They are buried in the Saratoga Cemetery. They were parents of Martha Jane, Sarah Catherine, Mary Elizabeth, Franklin Marion, William Oliver, Laura Alice, Lydia Ann, Henry Jacob, and Charles W.

When my grandfather, Frank Limbert became of age, he worked in the carpentry trade, and became a cabinet-maker. After his marriage to Mary Ann Richeson, he worked in this trade in partnership with John Cring, the undertaker and furniture store owner. In 1884 they affiliated with the Friends Meeting here in Portland as charter members. My grandfather made and presented to the church the lovely cherry biblestand in use in the church today. The altar railings, and the huge folding doors that used to separate the sanctuary from the classrooms were some of his loving work. Many pieces of furniture in offices and homes were made by him. They were parents of seven children: Elizabeth married William Upton of Muncie; Earl married Elizabeth Brown, also of Muncie; Hermon Ezra married Blanche DeLong of Saratoga, my parents; Chris married Edith Stroube of Portland; Lorenzo married Hazel Cull of Fort Recovery, Ohio; Letha married Ernest Hildreth of Portland; and Oliver married Josephine Hirons. All are deceased except Oliver, who lives in Muncie with his wife.

My mother, Blanche, was the middle daughter of Calvin Amos DeLong and Mary Elizabeth Hinkle of Saratoga. My grandfather, Calvin DeLong, was a barber for many years in Saratoga. He also was a painter and paper hanger. My mother helped him from the time she was big enough until she married at seventeen. In later years he was custodian at the Saratoga school. I remember the extremely cold winter in 1918. I was attending school there; he would bring my lunch after he had gone home for breakfast and set it on the back of the furnace. I was the only one in school to have a hot lunch.

Calvin's parents were William and Caroline Cantrell DeLong of near Union City, Indiana. Mary Elizabeth was the daughter of Joseph and Rachel Warren Hinkle. The first Hinkle arrived in the United States from Darmstadt, Germany. He was the Rev. Anthony Jacob Henkle, who was the first ordained Lutheran pastor in the United States. After his arrival in 1717, he helped start many Lutheran parishes in eastern Pennsylvania, notably the St. Michael's Parish in Germantown. Both his and his wife's graves are in the front yard of the church grounds today.

Hermon E. Limbert and Blanche DeLong were married May 27, 1906 on her parents' 25th anniversary. Hermon was a plant manager for one of Joe Long's chicken-packing houses in Coldwater, Ohio. Later they came back to Portland where I was born. He went into the grocery business with his father, Frank, at Boundary in the famous three-story grocery store building. The IOOF met on the third floor; my folks and I lived on the second floor.

I can remember many incidents that I was involved in during those years, though I was very young. My brother, Marion Calvin, was born there. We moved many times. My sister, Florence Edna, was born in Union City. Dad was working for Long again. When my sister, Anna Marie, was born, we were living near Antioch, where I started to school. My first teacher was Herbert Lyons.

We left the farm after a few years, and lived in Saratoga, Randolph County, where my folks had their own grocery store. Later, he was approached to manage the Equity Co-op at Collett where we lived for many years. The farm bug bit again, and we went to Wexford, Michigan, near Traverse City. We had a hard time up there, and finally we came back to Jay County.

Dad got a job as salesman, again at Parks Motor Sales Co. in Portland. We moved to a farm south of Bluff Point. Dad bought one of the first Fordson tractors in that part of the county, and I got the job of plowing and discing etc. While living at Wexford, my brother Hermon Karl was born. Paul Morris was born on the farm near Bluff Point. The folks lived there longer than any other place. I worked in town, later at the Jay Garment Company, and was there when I married James Blodgett in 1932.

Marion married Dorothy Saxman, daughter of Phillip and Cora Saxman. They had two children, Josephine Ann, who married William Junior Sanders, of near Ridgeville. They live near Fairview on State Road 32. Josephine and Jr. had twin sons, Dale and Gale. Later a son Jeffery, and two daughters, Valentina and LeAnne.

The second child of Marion and Dorothy was Robert Wayne. He is married and lives in Ridgeville. Bob married Corinne Monroe. They have a son Tony, who is a graduate of Anderson College. They also had a son Brian, who died at birth.

Marion was the owner of the Limbert Farm Store in Ridgeville until his death in December 1962. Dorothy lives in Portland.

Florence Limbert married Robert Study, son of John and Ruth Study of Noble Township, Jay County. They have no children, and live in Selma, Ind. They spent 12 years in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Anne married Hobart Retter. They live in Wolcottville, Ind. They have no children.

Karl married in service while in California. He married Lorraine Frances Rogers. They were a military family for 20 years. They made their home in ElPaso, Tx. Lorraine was an R.N. and worked in the Hospital on Ft. Bliss. She was a counselor in Alchol and Drug Rehabitation, at the time of her death, January 1981. Karl is in Civil Service there. They were parents of two children. Linda Diane, who married Lacey Breeding, they live in Christiansville, Virginia. They are parents of two children, Shannon and Erin. Michael Conrad married Pamela. They have a daughter, Tara Lorraine and live in Dallas, Tx. where he is an engineer.

Paul Limbert married Marcella Southworth. She is employed at Anchor-Hocking, Winchester, and Paul is a long distance semi-driver, self-employed. They live in Farmland. *Submitted by Thelma Blodgett.*

Jacob D. Locker

Jacob Daniel Locker (born in Darke County, Ohio, February 25, 1853, died March 4, 1924) was married on November 2, 1877 to Leah Etta Freemyer and to this union were born 11 children, namely: Olive and Ethel May both of whom died when young; Bert, Blanche, Minnie, Andrew J., Elsie, Jesse, Vera, Vernon and Leo.

Jacob's parents were Philip and Martha (Beetlebaugh) Locker. They came from Germany. Philip was a Lutheran preacher. They are buried at Stateline Cemetery, northwest of Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

A history of the parents of Leah Etta (Freemyer) Locker, (Joseph L. and Mary (Elder) Freemyer), along with a family picture can be found elsewhere in this book.

Bert Locker, born September 9, 1878, married Annie Gowdy November 17, 1900 and they had two children, Gladys and John. Gladys had no children. John had two, a son who died in infancy and a daughter, Drucilla.

Blanche married Bert Wilson of North Dakota. Their children are: Glenn, Mabel, Hazel, Helen, Gladys, Bert, Beryl.

Minnie married Hayes Abel of Salamonia and had children: Gleda who Luther Breymier; Eva whose husband is Walter Hilfiker; Glenn who married Treva Mays; Kenneth who lives in Montpelier, Indiana, his wife is deceased; Cleo, whose husband was Paul Lutes, and the youngest son was Marvin.

Andrew J. Locker married Frances Smith. Their children are Mary L. (Locker) Kaderly; Audrey (Locker) Griesinger; and June (Locker) Hummel.

Elsie married Carl Humble of Indianapolis and they had no children. Carl had a son by a previous marriage.

Jesse married Cora May and their children are: Helen (Locker) Stoner; Everett Locker; Pauline (Locker) Via; A. Dale Locker; Gertrude (Locker) Cooper and Howard Locker.

Vera Locker married Vern Darst and they had two children, Marciel and Myron (Marciel died when a teenager). Vera later married John Hall and had one son, John Jr.

Seated: Sarah Elizabeth, Nancy Jane, Joseph and Mary Freemyer, Hattie and Amanda. Standing: George, Martha, Mary Ann, Rebecca, Leah, and William.

Vernon L. Locker married Pauline Alexander and had children: Robert, Virginia, Rosemary and Darleen.

Leo Locker was unmarried.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Daniel Locker lived their entire lives on their farm southeast of Salamonia. They are buried in the Salamonia Cemetery.

Joseph L. Freemyer and Mary (Elder) Freemyer (her death certificate shows the maiden name of her mother as ''Rhynard'') were both believed to have been born in Ohio and lived in Washington County, Ohio until 1850 when they disposed of their holdings there and moved to Jay County, Indiana where they bought 148 acres on the north side of the old Indiana Boundary Line Road in Section 3, Madison Township. Only 15 acres had been deadened. They erected a log cabin and hacked a path through the woods one mile to a roadway. The remainder of the land, except for a wooded tract along the east side, was cleared and drained. Eventually they increased their acreage in Madison Township to a half section.

Mr. Freemyer was born in 1825 and died April 22, 1901. Mrs. Freemyer ws born in 1822 and died May 18, 1907. They lived on the same farm on which they settled until their deaths and they are buried along the east driveway of Springhill Cemetery, Fort Recovery, Ohio.

They had ten children, two sons and eight daughters. Their son, George Freemyer, first married Elizabeth Jones and after her death, Johanna Prouty. Son, William, married Justina Catherine Jetter. Daughter, Elizabeth, married William Knaus and moved to Kansas and nothing is known of their later years. Nancy Jane became the second wife of Stephen Straley. Hattie married Albert V. Sheffer. Amanda married Fred Messner. Martha married Rodney Hutchens. Mary Ann married David Shreeve. Rebecca married William K. Hutchens (a brother of Rodney) Leah married Jacob Locker.

More detailed information on the children and their families can be found elsewhere in this book.

Mardy L. Logan

Mardy and Marvin, twins boys, were born on April 11, 1903 in a log house on the Henry Myers farm near the center of Bearcreek Township. Their parents were Charles E. and Lydia Jane (White) Logan. Other children were: Chloa (Ineichen) Hoskins, Orda Glentzer, Leavy Franklin, and Glen Logan. Charles and his brother, William Logan, were carpenters and exacting craftsmen, building many of the rough-sawn pin and brace constructed barns of the area, many of which are still standing straight and sturdy. Charles and William were sons of James W. Logan, the son of pioneer George Logan buried in Bloomfield Cemetery.

Mardy and Florence Green were married in 1926. Their grandparents had migrated to Bearcreek from Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Darke County, Ohio; and southern Wayne County, Indiana. James W. Logan and Jonathon White (the grandfathers of Mardy) and William Green and William Metzner (grandfathers of Florence) served to free the slaves and save the Union. They returned and established successful farms homes in Bearcreek Township.

Mardy and Florence were the parents of: John, an antique dealer in Bryant, Indiana and Louise, a teacher in Bloomington, Indiana and the wife of Dr. Joseph R. Hartley, a professor at Indiana University. Louise and Joe have three children: Karen, Lynn, and Greg.

Mardy attended the Little Red School House at Center, the consolidated school and high school at Bryant. He enrolled in Muncie Normal and in 1921 began teaching at Macklin District #1, then two years at Roger District #2. Later, he taught mathematics and physics, and was principal of the Bryant School. He received his B.S. (1928) and M.A. (1936) from Ball State. He taught math and physics at Elmhurst, Ft. Wayne and was principal at Hoagland, Indiana. Returning to Jay County on July 1, 1945, he became the superintendent of Jay County Schools. He was superintendent of Portland-Wayne Schools from 1959-1964, and then was chosen to be the first superintendent of The Jay School Corporation. During his tenure, the Pennville High gym, the Redkey Elementary School, and the General Shanks Elementary schools were built. Plans for the funding and building of the Bloomfield School and eight additional

Mardy L. Logan

rooms to the following schools: Judge Haynes, General Shanks, Redkey Elementary, and Dunkirk Suttan were developed. The cumulative Building Fund was adopted for funds to build and "pay-as-you-go" for the facilities. He retired after 47 years in public school service on June 30, 1968.

Mardy was active in the Lutheran churches of Bryant and Portland, serving as a Sunday School teacher for many years. He was a Rotarian for 25 years, belonged to the Masonic Lodge and received a 50 year pin in 1977, Scottish Rite and 32° Mason at Fort Wayne. He was instrumental in organizing the Jay County Society for Crippled Children and Adults and served as president for many years.

After the deaths of Florence and Harry Theurer, Dorotha Fudge Theurer and Mardy were married in 1975. Mardy commends the good people of Jay County for their support of excellent school opportunities for their children. *Submitted by Mardy Logan.*

The Long Family

John S. Long and Armenia Frickle married when they first came to Jay County. They were parents of seven children. Stephen Douglas, one of the seven, married Mary Alice McLaughlin in 1887. The family lived on a farm in Pike Township, where Gertie Celesta was born in 1888. Mary Inez was born in 1890. Gertie died at age sixteen, and Mary Inez died at ten days. William Ray, the only son, was born in Pike Township, March 13, 1882. When Ray was only two years, his father died of diptheria. Mary Alice and Ray moved to the John S. Long farm, and lived there until 1909.

John Henry McLaughlin, Ray's uncle, was moving to Tennessee, when Ray was 16 years old. Mary Alice and Ray went with them. They lived at Tullahoma, Tenn. There, Ray met and married Verna Adeline Poe on Oct. 5, 1913. Verna was the daughter of Charles Lee and Hattie Lovenia Stafford Poe, also residents of Tullahoma. Mary Frances and Charles Douglas were born to Ray and Verna while they lived in Tullahoma. The family moved back to Jay County in 1919. They purchased the Shackleton farm of 40 acres in Madison Township. William Howard and Rebecca Janiece were born to them. In 1929, they sold the 40 acres and purchased the George McLaughlin farm of 80 acres, where they lived when Ray died in January 1969. Verna stayed there four more years. She then moved into Portland on S. Munson Avenue where she still lives. She had been an employee of the Jay Garment for many years, and still does alterations in her home.

On August 5, 1933, Mary Frances was married to Isaac Haines, the son of John and Lillie Haines, of Pike Township. They became parents of Roberta Nell, Helen Irene, and Forrest Allen. They lived and farmed in Pike Twp. for many years, and Isaac worked at Sheller's Factory. Frances has been a seamstress for most of her married life and still continues. They had moved to N. Ship Street, before Isaac became disabled and took his medical retirement. He died in May of 1980. Roberta Nell works as a beautician at the Avon Beauty Shop, and lives on S. Bridge Street.

Helen Irene and Richard Williams were married, and are parents of Amy Renee. Richard is the son of Howard and Etta Williams.

Forrest Allen was married to Nancy Granger of Ft. Recovery, Ohio. They had a son, Kevin. Later they were divorced. He is now married to Vickie Stipp, and they are parents of Brooks Renee.

Charles D. married Vivian Elma Bryan on Aug. 11, 1937. Vivian is the daughter of William and Selma Bryan. Mr. Bryan was a baker for most of his life. They have a son, Harry Lee, who married Rita Long, of Ft. Recovery. They have three children: Mark Douglas, Pamela, and Curtis Ray. The Charles Longs farmed in Madison Township and later moved to Portland, where they spend their summers, and their winters in Sarasota, Florida.

William Howard married Helen Stoner, daughter of Harry and Ruth Hilfiker Stoner of Noble Township. They live near Bellfountain. Their children are: Elaine Kay, who married James Crouch, of Eaton, Ind. where they live. They are parents of David, Missy, and William Ray.

Nancy Ann was married to John Krider of Ft. Recovery, where they live, on December 19, 1981.

Billie Lynn lives in Portland. Linda Lou married David Leggitt, they have one son, Daniel Howard. Later they were divorced. Vickie Lee is a student at Indiana Central College in Indianapolis.

Howard owns and operates Bill's Bar in town, and Helen helps.

Rebecca Janiece and Lewis Matchett were married November 17, 1948. Lewis was the son of Walter and Mamie Matchett of Madison Township. They live in Muncie where Lew works at Chevrolet, and Janiece is the secretary at the Presbyterian Church in Muncie. They have a daughter, Susan Diane, who is married to Donald Finnegan. They have two sons, Shane Michael and Ryan Todd. Stephen Duane Matchett is a graduate of Ball State, and is now an assistant manager of the 3-D store in Michigan City, Ind.

Verna moved to Portland in 1973. She is very active with her church activities, many crafts, quilts, and continues her membership in the Madison Home Extension Club. *Submitted by Verna A. Long.*

John S. and
Armenia Long

John S. Long Family

My grandfather, John S. Long, settled in Indiana and located on a farm in Madison Township. He wed Armiena Frichle, and to this union were born seven children, namely: Thomas Conrad, Steven Douglas, Noah Webster, Jesse Gabriel, Mary Frances, and Laura.

My father was Jesse Gabriel Long, and as a lad he attended Lookout School. He helped his father and mother on the farm until he was married. On May 31, 1899 he married Ethel Tate of Portland, she was one of four children born to Charles and Thetis (Headington) Tate.

Dad and mother made their first home on a farm in Pike Township. There, they became parents of three children, Agnes, John and Thetis. The children all started to school at Green Hill School. They walked one and one fourth miles to school.

I remember the threshing rings that my dad worked with each fall. While the men were busy in the fields and around the threshing machine, the neighbor women would gather at the farm where the men worked, to help cook dinner, and sometimes supper for the men. That was the way co-ops started. That was when neighbors were neighbors for miles around, not just next door, down the block, or across the street as it is now.

Dad, Mother, John and I moved to Portland in 1920. Agnes was living in Portland with Grandmother Tate attending high school. We did not live there very many years as Dad wanted to return to the farm. He bought the Charles Sommer farm southwest of Salamonia. There, my folks lived until illness caused my Dad to sell the farm, and move back to Portland. They lived there for a few years then moved to the Otterbein Home near Lebanon, Ohio where they resided until they passed away.

I remember when we lived in Madison Township that Dad, Ray Long, Harry Stoner, and Herbert McLaughlin would take their teams and log wagons and haul logs for the sawmill at Ft. Recovery, Ohio. Sometimes they were gone for two days.

Dad joined the I.O.O.F. Lodge at Salamonia and at his death was a 50 year member. My parents also belonged to the Rebecca Lodge until it was disbanded.

After Grandfather Long passed away, his daughter Laura Harry, and son Elmer, stayed on the farm. Dad helped her besides taking care of his own farm until her death in 1937.

I remember going over and watching Dad stir the apple butter. Home made bread, butter and applebutter! What a treat! Aunt Laura also dried apples to use during the winter.

Farm life was not easy, milking cows by hand, feeding chickens, gathering the eggs, driving horses to the hay fork during haying time, threshing wheat and oats, cutting and shocking corn by hand, also shucking corn. Plowing, discing the land with horses, the sowing the seed, hoping for good crops. It was always a long, long day for farmers. Although it was hard work we enjoyed it as we had good times also. Besides, we had our own food and good country air to enjoy.

I married Everett Swygart May 8, 1937. We live in Eaton, Indiana where we are both retired. *Submitted by Thetis Long Swygart.*

The Hiram Long Family

Hiram Long bought 200 acres of land on Section 7 in Madison Township near Salamonia, in May and December 1837, and brought his large family from Gallia County, Ohio. Hiram, born about 1799, probably in Virginia, died July 12, 1841. He married in Gallia County in 1821, Mary Smith, and they had two daughters, Eliza Jane and Mary Ann, who first married Valentine Levy, and second James Edward. They remained in Gallia County. Hiram married September 17, 1824, Winnie Denney, daughter of James and Rebecca (Vanderpool) Denney, who had two sons, Edward W. and Lewis Wilson Denney. Edward married Margaret Loy in Jay County, Wilson married Eliza Ann, and lived in Gallipolis and Ironton, Ohio.

Hiram and Winnie had eleven children: (1) Rebecca, born February 14, 1825, died March 29, 1851, married Adam Loy, three children: George W, James M., and Ira; (2) Nancy, born about 1827, married Caleb I. Porter, moved to White County; (3) J. James, born about 1829, died before 1878, married July 4, 1847, Nancy Mays, seven children: Daniel W., Sarah, Hiram L., John S., James B., William and Moody H.; (4) Sarah H., born about 1830, married July 23, 1854, Daniel Atkinson, died before 1878, four children: Eliza Jane, Elizabeth, Matthias J. and Effie Margaret; (5) William, born about 1831, died young; (6) Nelson, born about 1832, died in Gallipolis, Ohio in 1860, apparently unmarried; (7) Lucinda, born about 1834, married first, July 21, 1853, Henry Bowman, who died in the Civil War, three children: Sarah Elizabeth, Nelson, and Winnie Ann, married second, John Beard, had a son, Jacob; (8) Amos, born about 1836, married November 14, 1853, Elizabeth Miller, served in the Civil War as a Volunteer in Company I, 147th Indiana Infantry, died January 11, 1911, two children: Viola Bell and George Austin; (9) Miles O., b. February 27, 1837, died May 16, 1865, at Baltimore, Maryland of smallpox acquired while serving in the army during the Civil War, Company I, 147th Indiana Infantry. He married Elizabeth Winegardner, two children: Winnie A. (married William Myers Hawkins) and Lydia Margaret; (10) John S., born December 26, 1838, died October 29, 1922, married November 15, 1862, Armenia Frickel, seven children: Stephen (married Mary A. McLaughlin) had a son, Ray; Laura A. (married a Lon Harry); Mary F. (married Clinton P. Strauss), William Henry, Thomas Conrad (a physician, graduate of Barnes Medical College, St. Louis, Mo. in 1901) died Kansas City, Missouri in 1938, had a son, Conrad. Jesse G., and Noah W. (also a physician) who died about 1917 or 1918; and (11) Felista, my great-grandmother, born

June 1, 1841, one month before her father died, married March 23, 1862, Peter P. Bailey.

Winnie, with the help of the older children, and her grandson, Ira Loy, whom she raised, continued to farm the original patent, until her death, July 5, 1878. She is buried beside Hiram in the Salamonia Cemetery. *Submitted by Miss Ethel Albin.*

Earl Losch

Earl Losch, a prominent farmer and Duroc hog breeder of Pike Township and a representive of one of the pioneer families of Jay Co., Ind. was born Dec. 16, 1907, a son of John H. and Carrie (Milthaler) Losch.

He was reared on the farm where he still resides with his wife Belle 1½ miles south of Boundary City, Indiana.

Being the third in a family of five children, namely: Walter (1902-1923); Mary (1906) Englewood, Ohio; Ruth, Malvern, Arkansas (1910); and Mabel (1914) Arcanum, Ohio.

He received his early education in the local township school. A one room brick building with a big coal stove in the middle of the room for heat, and with blackboards across front of the building.

The education received in most schools of this type were almost equal to some high schools in later years.

After completing one year of high school at Ridgeville, Ind. (1921-1922), his education was interupted by illness in the family.

His father died Dec. 7, 1923 and at the age of 15 our subject became a farmer. From then on he received his education through hard knocks and experience.

Our farm of 80 acres at this time, as most farms of that day, had the following livestock, three horses, six cows, three brood sows, and two hundred chickens. It was quite a task to raise feed for this amount of livestock.

The mother of our subject (Carrie) died July 21, 1930, leaving still more responsibilities, as the "great depression" of the thirtees was almost upon us.

Most of us on the farm had plenty of food, but very little money at this time. Many farmers lost their farms because of high taxation and low income.

Earl was married July 4, 1936 to Belle Hawley of Aberdeen, South Dakota, her parents being Harvey and Viola (Neel) Hawley formerly of Randolph County.

The Hawleys moved to a homestead near Trail City, So. Dakota when Belle was nine weeks old in the year of 1910. She graduated from Mobridge, So. Dak. High School in 1930, and Aberdeen So. Dak. Business College in 1932. They started their life together at the Losch homestead in Pike Twp. and at this writing, Jan. 1982, still reside there after 46 years together.

To this union two sons were born. John W., June 30, 1941 and Robert E., July 18, 1944. John lives at Lexington, Ohio and is a representive of Pfizer Drug Co.

Robert lives at Jenison, Mich. and is a Junior High Mathematics instructor.

Mr. Losch served the years 1950 to 1968 as a director of the Jay Co. Fair Assn. For many years he was a purebred breeder of Duroc hogs and will be remembered for his ability to manage and show his herd.

The original home where four generations of Losch's have lived was constructed of logs being three stories high consisting of seven rooms. The exterior was four in. weatherboard and painted with a veranda in front. Being almost ninty years old, this home was replaced the summer of 1951 as running water and more modern conveniences were needed.

As years went by, more land was needed to make a practical living. Neighborning tracts were added to the original 80 acres until by 1957 the total farm acres were 446½ acres.

The family spent many long hours picking up stones, clearing fence rows, putting in tile drains, as a sense of pride had developed in farm ownership. The land was poor but with proper care it would produce.

The present owners, Earl and Belle Losch, received a citation in the Year of "1976" from the State Dept. of Commerce and the Jay Co. Historical Society for living on A Hoosier Homestead Farm.

A Hoosier Homestead Farm is a farm in the same family for over 100 years, either by the same family name or direct descendant. This farm, the original 80 acres, was purchased in 1867 by Chas. F. and Melinda (Heister) Losch, the subjects grandparents.

Mr. Losch and other interested members of the Jay Co. Historical Society spent many hours in (1976) searching for other homestead farms in Jay Co. At last count over 230 farms qualified for the award.

Mr. and Mrs. Losch are members of the Salamonia United Church of Christ and are faithful in their attendance.

His political affiliation is with the Democratic party and has been active most of his life. Having been elected county commissioner in the year of (1948) serving in the South District for three years (1950-1952) for Jay Co.

Our subject has had many, many happy hours seeking a livelyhood in this community, as not many are priviliged to live their entire lives at the place where they were born.

He is proud of his ancestor's and has a right to be. *Submitted by Earl Losch.*

Losch

Homer Losch was born in Jay County, Indiana in the year 1879, son of Abraham and Sarah (Hiester) Losch.

Homer Losch was a farmer. He married Bertha Aldean Caster, daughter of James Redmond and Maria Caster. They owned a 50 acre farm in Section eight of Jefferson Township in Jay County near Red Key.

It was on this farm that Charles Caster Losch was born in 1909. At the age of two years the family moved to Madison Township, Jay County.Here Charles attended a one-room elementary school, later graduating from Madison Township High School. Charles entered Purdue University in the fall of 1926, and graduated with a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. Homer Losch, Charles father, died in February 1927. In the fall of 1927 his Mother Bertha entered Purdue University. In 1931, Mother and son graduated together. At that time in our history, this was an unusual occurence and caused much publicity, nationwide. Bertha's degree was in Home Economics. She died in 1952.

Charles married Letha Smiley in 1935. They have four children: Fred D., June A., Glenn A., and Sandra J., and seven grandchildren.

Charles died at the age of 70 in 1980. He had been ill two years with cancer.

During his lifetime he served three years in World War II in the South Pacific. Upon his return he worked for 15 years for R.C.A. in New Jersey, returning to Indiana in 1966. He was always an active church member and a devoted family man. *Submitted by Mrs. Charles C. Losch.*

Jermiah C. Lotz

My father, Orla C. Fraser, better known as "Jim", a grandson of one of the first settlers of Jay County, and a planner of the city, had always said that Portland was named by Daniel W. McNeal. A large stone in the Green Park Cemetery is a memorial to him with his name and, "He named Portland". If you will notice the wide streets of this city, you will understand that it was layed out for a large city with the hopes of it becoming a port of commerce. Since there were no canals or other means of transportation he suggested it be a land port. Therefore Portland.

I think this is the way Portland really got its name. My father was a longtime newspaper man, at one time being editor of the Commercial Review, and was interested in history, especially of this county.

His grandfather was Jermiah C. Lotz who left Jay County after Portland was progressing and went to Washington, D.C.. There he worked in the Treasury Department of the United States for 38 years. When The F.B.I. was organized, he served as the first F.B.I. man. The Story of the F.B.I., a movie, was made, it was really the story of his years in this department. His son, Orlando Lotz, was a judge of Delaware Co., and his picture hangs in the Delaware County Court House. A grandson, Eugene Fraser, was in the Civil Service for many years. He was in Peking during the Boxer Rebellion, and was Postmaster General in Manilla at the same time that General McArthur was there in the military. He was also a Jay County native.

The story of Jeremiah Lotz is going to be written by a former F.B.I. agent, Mr. L. B. Bernstein, from New York City, and will be published in The F.B.I. Journal in the near future. *Submitted by Harriett Jones.*

Lawrence Lynch

On June 13, 1980, Lawrence E. (Larry) and Ruth M. Lynch moved to Portland, Indiana. Larry had been appointed to be the Asbury United Methodist Church Associate Pastor and had just graduated from United Theological Seminary a few weeks before. This was to be his first full-time appointment.

While Larry and Ruth had never lived in Portland itself, once in town they found several things that were familiar and made them feel right at home. Ruth had been born in Newcastle, Indiana on March 11, 1958 and had grown up in Spiceland, a small town nearby. Both towns are south of Muncie. Larry had been born in Chambersburg, Pa. on September 27, 1954, but at age nine months moved to North Indiana with his parents. While his father was pastoring a charge in Adams and Wells counties, Larry lived in Linn Grove for five years. Geneva Jr. High School is 11 miles north of Portland. For both Ruth and Larry there were a number of people in Portland that were connected to these other two areas. Former classmates, teachers, and a former high school librarian were met during their first summer in Portland. Other persons that were connected with the Spiceland and Linn Grove areas were met and in all these things made adjustments in the new community quite easy.

It is often said that newcomer's in a community see things that long time residents fail to see. This is not just in terms of the negitive aspects. In the eight moves prior to coming to Portland, Pastor Lynch had great opportunities to observe not only the communities that he lived in, but many county seats as well. Portland has many aspects that only larger towns might have, and yet there is a smaller town atmosphere that is more friendly than in large towns. There have been several businesses that have closed in recent years, and yet there have been several others that have opened or expanded. With the service clubs and community organizations as well as individual efforts, Portland can expect to grow and continue to be a good place to live. *Submitted by Lawrence E. Lynch.*

Dr. Kenneth Lyon

Dr. Kenneth Cassingham Lyon and his wife, Kathryn Walker Lyon moved to Dunkirk from Rohrerston, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1954. He is the son of John M. and Mary C. Lyon and was born in LaHarpe, Illinois on January 22, 1908. She is the daughter of Dr. George Stansbury and Mable R. Walker and was born in DeLand, Illinois on July 11, 1910. They have three children: John K., of Trumbull, Connecticut; Julia K. (Mrs. R. P. Cross III), of Flossmoor, Illinois; and Lucy M. (Mrs. R. A. Minichillo), of Elkhart, Indiana. They have nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. Lucy was graduated from the Dunkirk High School.

Dr. Lyon is a graduate of the College of Engineering, University of Illinois, where he specialized in ceramic engineering and glass technology. Prior to coming to Dunkirk, he had been employed by the General Electric and the Armstrong Cork Companies. Following a year at the Indiana Glass Company, he worked for 16 years for the Ball Brothers Company, in Muncie. After retirement from the Ball firm, Lyon spent a year at The National Bureau of Standards doing research on glass properties. His industrial activities were in the fields of glass research, development, and production. He is the author or co-author of over thirty technical papers and articles relating to glass and its manufacture. He is a Fellow, past officer, and past Trustee of the American Ceramic Society, and a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemists. He has served as a member of the National Research Council. Since retirement, he has been a consultant for several glass companies.

Dr. Lyon is currently president of the Board of Trustees of the Dunkirk Public Library and president of the Dunkirk City Plan Commission.

Mrs. Lyon is a graduate of the College of Education, University of Illinois. Prior to her retirement, she taught French and English in the Governor Gray, Royerton, and Albany schools. She is past president of the Research Club, of Dunkirk. *Submitted by Dr. Kenneth C. Lyon.*

David A. Lyons

David Alexander, son of Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana natives, E. Dale and Delee (McKinley) Lyons, was born February 21, 1942 in the Jay County Hospital. He graduated from Bryant High School in 1960, attended Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, Purdue University and University of Wisconsin schools of banking and several Indiana approved schools of real estate. Mr. Lyons has a brother Robert C. Lyons, 1-2-39.

Mr. Lyons worked for Fort Wayne National Bank & The Citizens Bank of Portland as an officer, as store manager in several Sears, Roebuck & Company Stores, and operated a restaurant in Bryant. He is a Pike Township farm owner/operator and operates a real estate and farm management business in Portland, Indiana.

Diana Gale Ice was united in marriage with David A. Lyons, in January 1964 in Alexandria, Indiana. She was born June 13, 1942 in Summitville, Indiana, the seventh of nine children of the marriage of Clifford W. Ice and Zetta Mae (Stanley) Ice, natives of Madison County, Indiana.

Mrs. Lyons graduated from Alexandria High School, Alexandria, Indiana in 1960, International Business College, Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1962, attended St. Francis College, Fort Wayne and Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. She worked as a secretary for Magnavox, St. Francis College and Midwestern United Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana and for the Occidential Chemical Company in Bryant, Indiana.

David and Diana Lyons have two children; Michelle Renee Lyons, August 18, 1965, born in Lutheran Hospital Fort Wayne, Indiana and Susan Delee Lyons, January 14, 1969, born in the Bluffton Clinic Hospital in Bluffton, Indiana. The David Lyons family are members of the Bryant, Indiana Lutheran Church. *Submitted by David A. Lyons.*

Edward Dale Lyons

Edward Dale Lyons, son of Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana natives, Homer Lyons and Alice (Brosius) Lyons, was born August 21, 1908. He graduated from Portland High School, mid-term 1927 and in 1929 found employment in Columbus, Ohio.

On June 14, 1931 Mr. Lyons was united in marriage to Irene Delee McKinley, the daughter of Robert Clem and Armeda (Alexander) McKinley, and they resided in Columbus until July 1937 when they returned to their native Hoosier state and reside in rural Jay County. Two sons, Robert Cassius Lyons, January 2, 1939 and David Alexander Lyons, February 21, 1942, were born to this couple.

Mr. Lyons was identified with Sheller Mfg. Co., Foreman Home Laundry, Prudential Insurance, Elberson Auto Parts, CTS of Berne and throughout maintained an active and informed interest in farming in Bearcreek and Pike Townships. He is a member of the Lutheran Church Bryant and Jay Lodge No. 87, F. & A.M., Portland.

Mrs. Lyons was graduated from Gov. I.P. Gray High School, Jefferson Township in 1926 and received her B.S. degree in journalism from Ohio State University, Columbus in 1931. She was identified with The Daily Sun in Portland during her senior year in high school and following her high school graduation until she enrolled in O.S.U. January 1928. She was employed at the Ohio State Journal, Columbus daily morning newspaper during and after her college career. She was executive secretary to the Columbus Junior Chamber of Commerce until May 1937. In Jay County, Indiana she served the Jay County T. B. Association, Redkey Time-Journal, The Graphic and The Citizens Bank, Portland. *Submitted by E. Dale Lyons.*

Herbert W. Lyons

Herbert Wendell Lyons

Herbert W. Lyons, born July 11, 1894, the son of John and Rosa (Snyder) Lyons. His grandparents were Elijah and Mary (Bailey) Lyons. Herbert graduated from the Portland High School and Muncie Normal Institute. He taught grammar school in Pike Township for 12 years. He became a contractor and built roads of asphalt and tar for many years in Jay County and southern counties in Indiana.

My Lyons became Mayor of Portland, Indiana in the years 1956 to 1960.

During his administration he rebuilt many of the city streets and oversaw the building of the first waste disposal plant in Portland. The trees which were cut down on the property, bought for the plant, were sold to help defray the cost of the project.

Mr. Lyons was a Thirty-Second Degree Mason in Jay Lodge No. 87. A Scottish Rite member in the Valley of Indianapolis March 26, 1943, he transferred to the Fort Wayne Valley in November 1953. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge.

In 1915 he was married to Estella (Orr) Lyons. Her father was Oliver Orr. They had four children: Marie Antoinette, died in infancy. Melvin Leroy, Evelyn Faye, wife of Fred B. Myers; and Marjorie Marceil, married to Wilbur Thomas. Melvin Leroy is part owner of the Reynard and Lyons Tile Company. He is married to Wilma (Reynard) Lyons.

In 1940 Herbert Lyons was married to Bertha (Moore) Lyons.He passed away in November 1965. *Submitted by Faye Myers.*

Lyons

Robert C. Lyons, son of Edward Dale Lyons and Irene Delee (McKinley) Lyons, born January 2, 1939, married Joyce Ann (Parr) Loy, daughter of Howard Parr and Christeen (Stuber) Parr, born September 16, 1936, Adams Co. After the death of Mr. Parr, and the marriage of Christeen to William W. Loy, the adopted name, Loy, was used by Joyce. Robert and Joyce eloped January 10, 1959. There were three sons and one daughter, Daniel Ross, November 15, 1959, a senior majoring in animal science at Purdue

University; Joseph Robert, November 8, 1960, a junior majoring in animal science and agronomy at Purdue University; Elizabeth Ann, June 9, 1962, a sophomore majoring in business management at Purdue University; and Matthew Edward, June 29, 1965, a junior at Jay County High School.

Mrs. Lyons graduated from Bryant High School in 1954 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana in 1958. She was employed at Purdue University as a nutritionist for two years and has served as a substitute teacher in the Jay County area.

Mr. Lyons graduated from Bryant High School in 1956 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture education and biology in 1960 and a Master of Science degree in agriculture education in 1967 from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. He has been employed as a vocational agriculture instructor at Portland and Jay County High Schools since 1960. He also has served two terms as Pike Township trustee from 1974 to present. His ambitious desire to farm resulted in ownership of 640 acres in Pike Township. The eagerness to improve and the keen interest in soil conservation, the application of modern technical farming practices and pride of ownership created and influenced the lifestyle for both him and his sons, and also kindled the inclination to locate adjacent to his father's land, a part of the original Lyons homestead acquired in 1850. Mr. Lyons has served as a 4-H leader for many years, owns an original share of Jay Couinty Fair stock, purchased by his great grandfather, Elijah Lyons and has served as a director of the fair board since 1969. He also holds a real estate brokers license and is a member of various service clubs, cooperatives, and educational organizations. *Submitted by Robert C. Lyons.*

Thomas Lyons

Thomas Lyons, one of the wealthy farmers of Pike Township, resides on section 34. He commenced life in Jay County with but little besides strong hands and a determination that no obstacle could overcome, and perhaps no man in Jay County has accomplished more, from so small a beginning as he, and few have done more to develop the county from a state of wildness to that of civilation.

My Lyons was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, February 13, 1829, a son of Thomas and Eva (Apple) Lyons. His mother was born in Pennsylvania of German descent, his father was of Irish descent. They were united in marriage in Columbiana County, Ohio. In 1837 they moved to Perry County, where the father died in 1838.

In 1850 our subjects brother, Elijah Lyons, came to Jay County and located in Pike Township. A little later Thomas followed him and bought 80 acres of heavily timbered land on section 26, of the same township. His capital at that time consisted of $180. He erected a log cabin and commenced clearing his land. In 1852 he leased it to his brother-in-law, Enoch Drake, for a term of five years, and returned to Ohio. In 1864 he bought and moved to the homestead of his neighbor, Edmond Rathburn. Steadily year by year, by industry and economy, he added to his property until he became a large land owner. His homestead contains 190 acres of finely improved land and his substantial brick residence and other buildings and improvements denote wealth and prosperity. He has assisted his children to get a start in life by giving to the different ones as seemed most fitting, land or money, not wishing them to travel the weary road from poverty over which he so manfully made his way.

His wife, who shared the hardships and privations of pioneer life and later the comforts of a good home with him, died in 1878. To them were born eleven children: John, now of Kansas; Mrs. Amanda Smiley, of Randolph County; Thomas and Elijah, also of Kansas; William, deceased; Susan; Joseph, in Kansas; Mary, Jackson, Sarah and Eve, the latter deceased. In 1882, Mr. Lyons married Miss Florena Harkins, and to them have been born eleven children: Daniel, Elizabeth, Annie, Marthy, Florena, George, Hattie, Jesse, Eva, Noah. In politics, Mr. Lyons is a Democrat. He enlisted during the War of the Rebellion and served nine months, a member of the Twenty-third Indiana Infantry. He is a member of the Baptist church, as was also the wife of his youth. *Reprint from 1922 Dr. Jay History.*

Thomas H. Lyons

Thomas H. Lyons, one of Pike Township's best known and most substantial agriculturists and landowners, proprietor of an excellent farm on Rural Route No. 4 out of Ridgeville, is a native of the old Buckeye state, whence so many of the older residents of Jay County came, but has been a resident of this state since he was four years of age and has thus been a witness to and a participant in the amazing development that has marked this region during the past seventy years. Mr. Lyons was born in Perry County, Ohio, November 11, 1846, and is a son of Elijah and Mary (Bailey) Lyons, the latter of whom was born in Fulton County, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1820, a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Cline) Bailey. Elijah Lyons was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, September 24, 1824, son of Thomas and Eve (Apple) Lyons, who moved in 1837 from that county to Perry County, same state, where the father died in August of the following year. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring in 1879 in Jay County. Two of their sons, Thomas and Samuel, were soldiers of the Union during the Civil War, the latter holding the rank of captain.

Elijah Lyons was 14 years of age when his father died and he remained with his mother on the home farm until his marriage to Mary Bailey, January 8, 1846, after which he began farm ing on his own account in Perry County, where he remained until he came over to Jay County with his family in the fall of 1850 and settled on an unimproved tract in section 26 of Pike Township, establishing his home there in a rude log cabin, which was occupied by the family until he was able to erect a substantial and commodious brick resident in 1867. His first land holding there was a tract of something more than a quarter section, but as his affairs prospered he added to this until he became one of the large landowners of that part of the county.

Elijah Lyons was a man of force and influence in the community, one of the leaders in the local ranks of the Democratic party, and served for some time as trustee of Pike Township and later as a member of the Board of County Commissioners from his district. On that farm he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. She died on October 4, 1885, and he survived until in January 1908. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first born, the others being William, who died in infancy, John B., Mrs. Sarah A. Jellison. Stephen S., Mrs. Rebecca Jane Ware, Mary Lavina and Mrs. Susanna Dickes.

As noted above, Thomas H. Lyons was four years of age when he came to Jay County with his parents in the fall of 1850 and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Pike Township. He received his early schooling in the Losch School, supplementing this by a course at Liber College, and as the eldest son was from the days of his boyhood a helpful factor in the labors of developing the home farm.

When 26 years of age, Mr. Lyons bought an "eighty" of the home place, a part of the farm where he is now living, and has continued to make his home there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. As his farming operations developed he bought additional land and now is the owner of a fine farm of 280 acres and one of the best equipped farm plants in the neighborhood. Mr. Lyons is a Democrat, as was his father, and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office. On May 15, 1873, Thomas H. Lyons was united in marriage to Adeline Frickel, a daughter of Conrad and Mary Frickel, who were among the earlier of the German emigrants who had come over here from Ohio, and to this union have been born five children, all of whom are living save one son, Jesse (the first born), the others being Pearl, Homer, Gay and Elijah. Homer Lyons married Alice Brosius and has two children, Dale and Rex. Elijah Lyons, who was named in honor o his paternal grandfather, married Minnie Miller and has three children, Max, Madonna and Robert Elijah. *Reprint from 1922 Dr. Jay History.*

Egbert (Bert) Macklin

Egbert (Bert) Macklin was born five miles east (northeast) of Bryant, Indiana in a two-room log house which stood one-fourth mile north of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Protestant Church. The year he was fourteen, the high school in Bryant started. He spent three years of six months each at the high school and graduated from Bryant High School.

He taught in two rural schools, each one for six months. Then he attended a two-year course at Marion Normal College and graduated there. He taught in Bryant High School for two terms. It had grown to four years of seven months. He made it four years of eight months so any graduate could attend any state college or university without paying tuition.

In 1909, Bert accepted a scholarship to attend the Bible Teachers' Training School in New York City, and worked with young people of a church in Brooklyn. After his year in Bible Teachers' Training School, he went back to Indiana University to get his college A. B. degree the next year. While finishing his schooling at Indiana, he pastored two Methodist Protestant Churches on alternate weekends. He then proceeded on with his schooling and graduated from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, on scholarships and (after the first years) by sending out the students' personal laundry.

From 1913 to 1917 he pastored the Bethany Congregational Church in East Rockaway, L. I. and continued as a graduate student at Union Seminary and Columbia University. He was ordained in 1914 and was an organizer and pastor from 1917 of the Victoria Congregational Church at Jamaica, Long Island, in New York City for 37½ years.

Rev. Egbert L. Macklin

Egbert Macklin was married to Margaret Griswold Collins, a descendant of the Mayflower, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1917.

On Christmas Eve, 1920, his son, Richard L. Macklin, was born. He is an atomic scientist in Tennessee at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Philip Macklin was born in 1925. He is chairman of the Physics Department at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio.

David Macklin was born in 1930 and has worked with minority students and other groups at Cornell University. David went with a group to Africa and studied the mental disturbances of the Yoruba tribe in Nigeria and was involved with a group that wrote books about mental problems. He is working on a Ph. D. at Cornell University.

All three sons graduated from Yale University.

Rev. Egbert Macklin moved on September 2, 1980 to Swiss Village Retirement Home in Berne, Indiana from David's home in Ithaca, New York. He has nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He will be 95½ years on February 19, 1982.

In 1728 DeWalt Mechling sailed to America. The name Mechling is part of two German Provinces on the Baltic Sea. Philip Mechling was Egbert (Bert) Macklin's grandfather and he married Mahala Cole. Later the name was changed to Macklin, after Philips' sister laughed because Mahala could not speak German.

Egbert's grandfather taught him to count in German to twenty, but no more. Philip and Mahala had seven children. Egbert's father and has three brothers died of heart attacks, while his mother lived to be 100 years and her older brother 101½ years young. *Submitted by Egbert Macklin.*

The Macklin Family

Jacob Macklin, born February 2, 1801 near Pottsville, Pa., was brought to Fairfield Co., Ohio in 1804. There he grew to manhood. The pioneer bug must have hit him badly, for he left a modern home in Fairfield County and came to a dense forest in Jay County, Indiana. He was then married to Elizabeth Weist. They were parents of four children: Jacob, Phillip, Catherine and Israel. They came to this new home in a covered wagon, bringing their cows, sheep, hogs, chickens and geese. The geese were for feather ticks and quilts.

Jacob, with the help of his two older boys, built a log house 18 x 20 feet. This was the first Macklin home in Jay County. The chimney was made of stones, mud and sticks. A large fireplace was at one end of the room. it was the cookstove as well as the "furnace" of this log cabin. An iron was embedded in the wall of the chimney. It had a hook on it that extended over the fire, so a large iron pot could be hung on it. That was how the cooking was done. A sort of Dutch oven could be set beside the fire to roast meat or bake bread, pies and cakes.

When the family lived in Pennsylvania and Ohio, their family name was Machling, but when they came to Indiana, they changed the spelling to Macklin. Two more children were born, Elizabeth and George William.

A loft over about half of the cabin was the sleeping quarters for the children. There were no stairs, just a ladder made of sticks that were nailed to the wall. Jacob and Elizabeth, and probably the youngest child slept downstairs. Jacob probably kept a gun handy, should an animal or Indian surprise them. They probably had oiled paper over the windows, and animal pelts hanging over the door, at least until they could get doors made. The land had to be cleared before they could begin farming. Men and boys were busy all winter cutting down the trees so they could plant the next spring.

The Jacob Macklin family was brought up in a religious atmosphere. There were always daily devotions and scripture readings and prayer. Jacob believed in the Sabbath, and that it was a day for worship. The first Church in that area was on land he furnished, and he helped build the log meeting house. Later, there was a new church built on a near crossroads on another Macklin farm, it is still standing and is called the Macklin Church. This church is remodeled, still active with its own parsonage. There are no Macklins living in the area anymore.

The oldest child of this pioneer family, Jacob, began to preach when he was 22 years of age. He married a farm girl, living near New Corydon, Elizabeth Bufford. When she died in 1890, he married Mrs. Louden in 1892. Jacob and Elizabeth had one son, Ellsworth, and daughters, Sarah Ann Macklin Morrow, Rose Macklin Coolman, Alice Macklin Chaffin, and Etta Macklin Fogler. It was said of the pioneer preacher, Rev. Macklin, that if anyone he met needed money, he gave them all that he had. He died while serving a church in Walnut, Indiana. His body was returned to Jay County, where a memorial service was held in the family church, and buried in the Daugherty Cemetery. There his parents and four brothers are also buried.

Phillip was the second child of Jacob and Elizabeth Weist Macklin. He came in 1838 to Jay County with his parents, and in 1850, he was married to Mahala Cole, the daughter of Nancy Ellis Shepherd and Shadrack Cole. He built a new home for his family in 1868, and bought the first cookstove in Jay County. He built a large barn out of boards, not logs, the size, 40 x 60 feet. Candles were made in the home and used to light the rooms. Outside, pine knots were sufficient.

Phillip and Mahala Macklin were a good Christian couple, and reared their children to be Christian men and women. They all attended the Machlin Church, and as their children married, they and their families attended there also. The following children of Phillip and Mahala lived to adulthood; Maria Almira married John Kraner; Nancy Elizabeth married Adam Hoiuser; Mary Louise (Molly) married Frank Boehm; Philip Ancil married Mary (Aunt Maid) Siberry; Israel Milton married Allie Jane Smith; Clement C. spent most of his life in the West.

Marie and John Kraner's children were: Warren married Bertha Wells; Cora married George Longnecker; John married Eva Pence, a Jay County girl, living and farming in Jay County; Nora married Charles Armantrout; Charles farmed and handled oil supplies; Lena Hope married Dennis Frank. Their daughter Dorothy married Everett Ritter, an electrician, living near Portland.

Elizabeth and Adam Houser, a farmer who also operated a sawmill, had a limestone quarry selling the limestone for foundations and also plaster for their houses. Their children were: Phillip Arizona who married Martha (Mattie) Cunningham; Kitty Bertha married Sterling Buckingham, a farmer. He was also Commissioner when the Jay County Court House was built. Tamma married Justus Ford. They farmed a few years, then heard the call of the West. First they went to Nebraska, then to Kansas; they reared their family, and died there.

Nancy Margaret married Barney Miller, another farmer. Addie married Jacob Fifer, they farmed. Phillip and Mattie farmed in both Jay and Adams counties. Their six children lived, married and are now deceased. Kittie and Sterling lived on the farm that had been Kitties Grandfather, Phillip and Mahala Cole's farm. Their oldest daughter, Vivian, married Harold Pontius. Vivian taught school in Jay County 29 years. Their other living daughter Fawn married, and now lives with her sister, Vivian in Geneva, Ind.

Margaret and Barney Miller farmed in Jay County. They reared four children. Two sons, True and Verl, were prominent farm men. One of True's sons is a barber in Portland, Eldon. Norman is a successful farmer on a large scale.

Addie and Jacob Fifer were farmers, but Jacob passed away at a young age, leaving a small daughter, Mary Kathern who is married to Wilbur Kuhn. They live on the Adam Houser farm.

Mary Louise married Frank Boehm, who was a blacksmith and a farmer in Bearcreek Township. Their children were: Iva married William Sisk, and they lived in Bryant or near there all their lives. Alda married Ernest Whiteman, a farmer in Jay County. Both Iva and Alda were school teachers. Claude Boehm never married. Iva and William Sisk had three daughters, two are yet living. Carmen Sisk never married and is in a retirement home. Mary Ann married Charles Buck. They spend their winters in Florida, and have their home in Portland in the summer.

Helen Sisk, who married William Lee, is deceased.

Alda and Ernest Whiteman lived in Jay County all their lives. Their children live away. Doyt, their son, is retired and lives in Muncie with his wife, Susan Straley, also of this county. Doyt is very interested in family history and often comes to Jay County to research. Phillip Ancil (Hank) Macklin married Mary Siberry, and they spent much of their lives in Adams County. Israel and Allie Smith Macklin lived in Bearcreek Twp. caring for a large apple orchard. Their children were: Rev. Egbert Macklin, who was a minister in Jamaica N.Y. He is now retired, living in Swiss Village Retirement Home in Berne, Ind. Beatrice, who married George Lee, owned and farmed in Jackson Twp. They also had an orchard of fine apples. George passed away and Beatrice lives along on the farm. She has children and grandchildren living in the vicinity. Sue Gillespie, one granddaughter, married Dan Kuchcinski, both were great horseshoe enthusists, won many awards, both Nationally and Internationally. They now operate the Health Spa in Portland. Paul Macklin, now deceased, was the youngest child of Israel and Allie, was a successful wrestler, football player, and a long-time teacher in Jay County Schools. *Submitted by Vivian Poutius.*

Israel Macklin Family

Israel Macklin married Lucretia Ann Rogers, their children who grew to maturity are: Ada, who married John Miller of Bearcreek Twp. Their two daughters, Mary Ruth and Iva Miller Steiner were long-time school teachers, many of which were in Jay County. Dora married George Luttman of Wabash Township. Their living daughter Ada married Lewis Judy. They live East of Bryant. They have two children. George Lewis is married to Deloris. Their sons farm with their dad. Jean married John Orr, of near Bryant. Elizabeth Macklin married Edward Switzer. Their daughter Nellie married C. A. Walters, who was a school teacher. Their son Joey lives in New Corydon and is a housepainter. John Walters, a banker, lives in Bearcreek Township with his wife, Clara. At one time John was the trustee, and also served on the County Council.

Justeen and Donald Michaels farm on a large scale, as do their sons. Another granddaughter of the Switzers is Wilma Switzer Moore of Portland.

Jacob Macklin, a prominent stockdealer, and farmer, lived on the Israel Macklin farm. Now the well-known Bearcreek Farms, Restaurant and Camping area, owned by Don Strong and family of Bluffton, Ind. The Restaurant is in the old barn, a special place to dine and entertainment of fine quality in the loft.

Another daughter of Israel and Lucretia was Susan, who married Lewis Whipple. They lived in Portland, and reared two daughters, Ruth and Bernice. Lewis served as Sheriff of Jay County one term.

George William Macklin was a successful farmer, and was known as the first farmer to own a grain reaper. He married Olivia Daugherty. A descendent is Bonnie Marguerite Chaney, the wife of Manford Chaney.

Most of this material is taken from the book "Our Family Tree" by Miryl E. Johnson, a granddaughter of Phillip and Mahala Cole, Macklin. *Submitted by Vivian Pontius.*

Marchal

Odus Marchal was born April 23, 1921 near Frenchtown in Darke County, Ohio, son of Nicholas and Tracy (Barga) Marchal, of French descent.

On June 16, 1945 Odus married Esther Braun, daughter of Stephen and Rosella (Minnich) Braun, of German descent, from Ft. Recovery, Ohio. She was born March 16, 1927.

After Odus was discharged from the WW II Army (having served in Okinawa and Japan) we moved to my father's farm (S. Braun's) in Wabash Township and began dairy farming mainly along with hogs and chickens. We used a wood cookstove and had no refrigerator the first year and drove a 1937 Chevrolet.

After three years we moved to Wayne Township for a year and had a hired hand who was drafted for the Korean War. We then moved to a smaller farm, without bath and hot water, in Noble Township for a year, then back to another farm in Wayne Township for ten years before buying the 160 acre, John Schemenaur farm from Mrs. Charles (Inez) Schwartz in Noble Township in 1961 where we previoiusly lived and still live today. We moved on this farm with a large brick house on Thanksgiving 1962.

The Marchal Home, built in 1890 on County Road 120, Noble Township. Photo taken 1975.

We continued dairy farming and thru the years Odus worked part-time pumping gas, delivering furniture, picking up and delivering canceled checks to banks for a dispatcher, milk hauling, an implement dealer parts salesman, trucked livestock and grain, clerked at the livestock sale barn and now drives truck for the county highway.

Odus and son, Larry, are ushers at Immaculate Conception Church. Odus worked on the fund raising committee for the new church in 1964 and our family has been active in various church affairs. Odus has been Holy Name Society president; a Parish Pastoral Council member; an officer of Jay County Farmers Union; and attended the Madison Township Veteran's Agriculture GI Class in 1951 and 52.

Esther worked with Juffy Fund Raising, Extension Homemakers, catalog store, school cafeteria and waitress.

We have four living children: Larry, born August 1, 1946, served in the Viet Nam War in 1967 and 1968, now a farmer and an active volunteer fireman for Salamonia and worked on the County Highway. On April 16, 1977, he married Winifred Beals, born May 21, 1940. She graduated from Poling High School and is a legal secretary; Mary Ann, born June 20, 1955, received among others, the Outstanding 4-H Junior Leader Award for Jay County in 1972. Married Mike Mangen, has three children and lives in Wisconsin; Theresa, born August 23, 1957, a National Honor Society Member as was her sister, married a farmer, Mike Baucher of Celina, Ohio and has one child; our son, Mike, born October 31, 1967, is a student and very much interested in farming also, was the 4-H Junior Tractor Driving Champion of Jay County in 1981. Two sons died at birth and are buried in the Holy Trinity Cemetery, Wabash Township; Thomas, born November 14, 1948; Donald, born September 25, 1951.

Our children attended the Immaculate Conception and Noble Township Elementary schools, which are now closed and graduated from Portland-Wayne Township High School and were 4-H members. Mike attended East Elementary School, East Jay Junior High and will attend Jay County High School. *Submitted by Esther Marchal.*

Markley Family

Dr. Herman R. and Beulah M. Markley with their son, Roger B. (6 months of age), arrived in Portland September 1, 1921, from Bluffton, Indiana, Wells County. He was a Doctor of Optometry and felt that Jay County had need of this kind of service. Beulah was a Harmon from Tipton County and had two brothers, Beech and James Harmon, along with two sisters, Juanita Williams and Mary Bailey who lived in Portland at that time. The Markley's came over to America in the late 1700's and migrated from Pennsylvania to Wells County, Indiana in the early 1800's. Herman was the youngest son of George Markley, a grocer in Bluffton.

Herman opened his office at 102 East Main Street where he practiced there until he bought the Pauling property at 137 East Main Street. He built on to the building at the front. He had his new office in front and apts. in the rear. He practiced there until retiring in July 1964. Their first residence was at 121 East Race St. At that time the lot across the street was vacant and was to be the site of the present Portland Gospel Tabernacle. They were members of the First M. E. Church. Born to them in Portland were Ferd O. on Feb. 18, 1924 and Jay D., born on April 24, 1927. They adopted a girl and named her Phyllis in 1940. She was four years old at the time.

In 1938 the family moved to 303 East Main Street having purchased the old Dr. Hall property. There were three apts. besides the living quarters of the Markley family. Beulah purchased the business building at 119 North Meridian and opened a Tot-N-Teen shop. She then built a new brick building at 120 East Main Street and moved her store there, where she operated it and supplied the Caps and Gowns for the Portland High School until her death on Sept. 9, 1960. A year later Herman married Beryl Edwards from Elwood, Indiana. In 1968 they sold the home at 303 East Main and moved to Palmetto, Florida and lived there until 1970 when they moved to Warsaw, Indiana. After two years they then moved back to Portland at 119 East Race Street until his death in April 1975. Beryl Markley then moved to Franklin, Indiana to be close to her daughter by a previous marriage.

Roger B. Markley attended the Garfield Elementary School and graduated from the Portland High School. He graduated from International College and finished his degree in accounting at Ball State. He studied at Oxford University in England during his term of military service and graduated from War College. He married Betty J. Sheffer, daughter of Erwin and Faye Sheffer of Portland, Ind. in 1942 and entered the Air Force as a pilot, retiring as a Major in 1964. They settled at 320 East Elder Street until moving to 411 East Walnut which at that time was the Hilgerman property. Roger became a C. P. A. and owned the Portland Office Supply for several years until he sold it and opened a public accounting office at 722 North Meridian St. They had three children born in Portland: Jeffrey B., born in May 1947; Patrice F., born in June 1951; and Rodney L., born in December 1955. Roger received 16 medals and citations with the military and is listed in Who's Who and Personalities of America. They purchased a farm in Greene Township and lived there until moving to Nashville, Indiana in October 1974 to manage the Wabash Village Apts. and the Salt Creek Shopping Center. He has been treasurer of the Brown County Historical Society for several years. All three children graduated from Portland High School. Jeffrey is now night supervisor of a nursing home in Columbus, Ind. Patrice is an artist and manages the Salt Creek Art Gallery at Nashville. Rodney is the head of maintenance at Wabash Village and Salt Creek Park in Nashville. Roger still retains his membership in the Masons and Eastern Star at Portland and of the American Legion in Portland. He still does C. P. A. work for clients in Portland, Nashville and other parts of Indiana.

Ferd O. Markley attended Garfield School and graduated from Portland High School. He enlisted in the Naval Cadets and served as a Navy pilot during the war. After the war he married Marjorie Baumgartner of Fort Wayne, Ind. and moved to Ossion, Indiana where he was employed at Baer Field as a pilot. They had two sons, Morris and Russell. They had two daughters, Jackie and Jolene. They moved to Petersburg, Michigan where Ferd is employed by Thompson Engineering as a pilot. Marjorie is a nurse at Toledo, Ohio.

Jay D. Markley attended Garfield School and graduated from Portland High School. He served in the Army during the war and returned to Portland to marry Patsy Stephens of Redkey, Indiana. They owned the Karmel Korn Shop in partnership with Dale Arnold until it burned out, then they moved to Decatur, Indiana where Jay was an auditor for the Bell Telephone Company. They had three sons: Steven, Dennis, and Tracy. They had two daughters, Connie and Kimberly. They moved to Miami, Florida in 1966 where Jay became an auditor for the General Land Development Co. at The Bahama Islands.

Phyllis Markley attended Garfield School and graduated from Portland High School. She graduated from Warners Beauty College and became a beauty operator. She married John Fetro of South Whitley, Indiana and they had one daughter, Laura, and two sons, Gregory and Mark. She was divorced and moved to California where she married Leo Woods. They retired and moved back to South Whitley, Indiana. *Submitted by Roger B. Markley.*

Gerhard May Family

Gerhard May, the son of Henry May and Carolina Homan, was born at St. Anthony, Padua, Ohio in 1865. His parents came from near Munster, Westphalia, Germany, in 1861, after their marriage there. Gerhard married Rosina Diller in 1890. Rosina was the daughter of Sebastian Diller and Josepha Biggs Wical. Sebastian Diller came from Oberfranken, Bavaria, near Bamberg and Josepha Biggs came from Wurttenburg. They were married here probably at Trinity, Indiana near New Corydon.

Gerhard and Rosina settled on a farm just west of St. Anthony approximately one mile west of the state line just west of Padua. These pioneers struggled to build their home for a family of eleven children. Of the eleven children, seven remained and lived on farms in Jay County, all near the home place in Wabash Twp.

Gerhard and Rosina's children were: Ludwina and Caroline stayed on the homeplace. John married Louisa Schmidt of Cincinnati, their children; Robert, Lena, Rosemary, Victor and Jane. Clemens married Nora Schmidt, a sister of Louisa, there were no children. Both John and Clemens lived on farms near the homeplace. Elizabeth married Joseph Schmidt, a brother of Nora and Loiuisa, and lived on a produce farm near Mt. Healthy, near Cincinnati. Their children were: Martha, Joseph, Dolores, Maurice, Gerhard, Richard, Eileen, Alvera, Lucille, Joseph, Shirley, Mary Lee, Elizabeth, and David. Hildegard May married Henry Wagner of Trinity and lived in Celina, Ohio, later moving to a farm near Versailles, Ohio. Their children: Rita, Ruth, John and Werner. Alphonse worked at the Sacred Heart Convent, Yankton, South Dakota where he died in 1932. Frank married Cecelia Voskuhl of Maria Stein, Ohio, and lived on a farm near Versailles, Ohio. Their children: Catherine, Louis, Arthur, and Alma. Mary married Urban Reitz of Trinity, Indiana and lived on a farm just north of the home place. Their children: Mary, Rita, Theresa, and Joseph. Marvin May still lives on the Gerhard May homestead. Cletus May married Esther Schmit of Trinity and lived west of the home place. Their children: Paul, Gary, Alfred, Virginia, Benjamin, Ernest, Michael, Maria and Edward Joseph. *Submitted by Ruth Wagner Schieltz.*

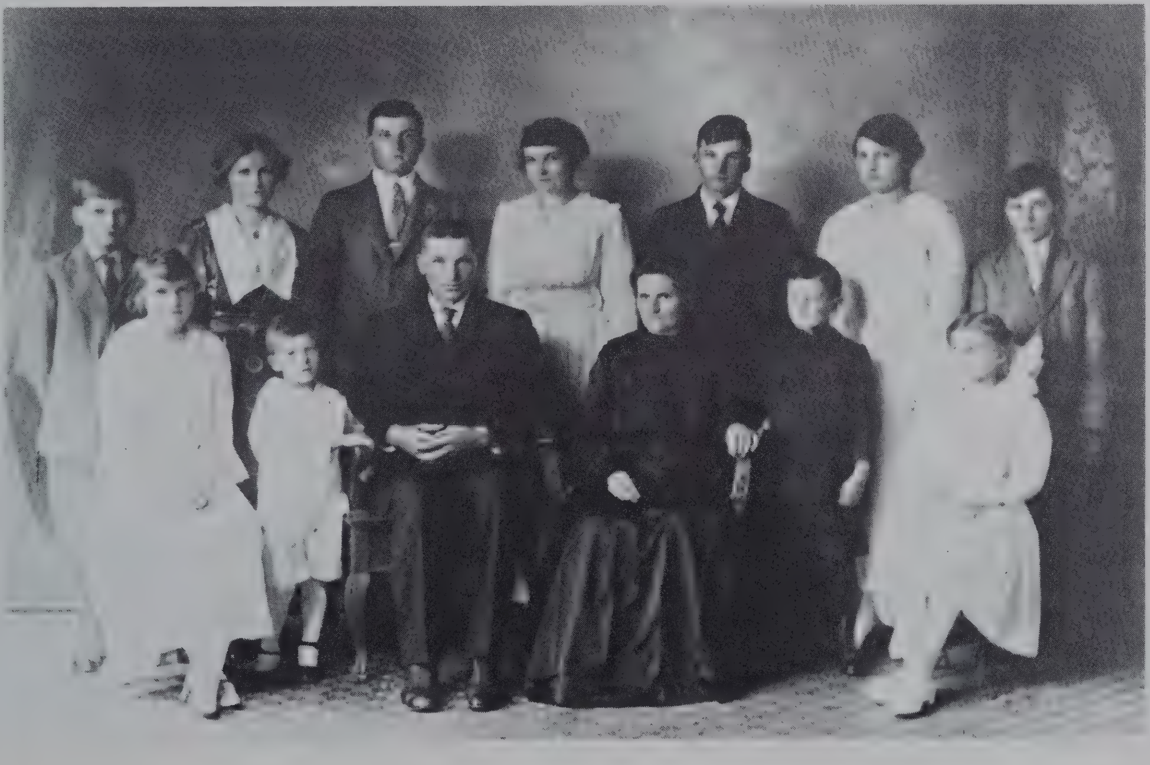
Gerhard May

Abstract Deed Gerhard May Farm South Side of Road
Description: East half of NE quarter of Section 28, Township 24, North, Range 15 East. Containing 80 acres more or less in Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana.

1. August 9, 1839. Certificate of Purchase. U.S.A. to Jesse Arnett.
2. Nov. 17, 1849. Jesse Arnett and Margaret Arnett of Wayne County, Indiana, to Tobias Cring of Jay County, Ind.
3. Dec. 23, 1888. John Cring, Guardian of Tobias Cring.
4. Amanda Clark (her Mark), Lowina Cring, Margaret Adam.
5. Jan. 20, 1897. Quit Claim Deed. 160 acres. John Cring and Margaret V. Cring (his wife) of Jay County, Indiana, to Sarah J. Arbaugh, Amanda Clark, Lovina Cring, Theopholis W. Cring of Jay County, Indiana, Hannah Winters of Elkhart County, Indiana; Ellen Hitz, Darke County, Ohio and Margaret Adams of Canadian County, Oklahoma.
6. Jan. 20, 1897. Quit Claim Deed 80 acres. Sarah J. Arbaugh and John Arbaugh (her husband), Amanda Clark and Joseph Clark (her husband), Lovina Cring (unmarried), Theopolis Cring (unmarried) of Jay County, Indiana, Hannah Winters and Eli Winters (her husband) of Elkhart County, Indiana, Ellen Hitz and Henry V. Hitz of Darke County, Ohio, Margaret Adams and Joseph H. B. Adams (her husband) of Canadian County, Oklahoma, to Gerhard May of Jay County, Indiana.
7. April 14, 1904. Warranty Deed 80 acres. Gerhard May and Rosina May (his wife) of Jay County, Indiana to William Wellman of Jay County, Indiana—undivided one-half interest in 80 acres.
8. Nov. 28, 1908. Quit Claim Deed—dividing the 80 acres. William Wellman and Sophia Wellman, his wife of Jay County, Indiana to Gerhard May of Jay County, State of Indiana.

Deed twelve acres along west side of land south of road
Description: NW quarter of NE quarter of Section 28 Township 24 N, Range 15 E, in Wabash Township. Jay Conty, Indiana, 40 acres.

1. May 7, 1839. Certificate of Purchase. U.S.A. to William Custer. 40 acres.
2. Oct. 2, 1840. Warranty Deed. William Cluster and Ellen Cluster (wife) is said William Cluster of Mercer County, State of Ohio to Tobias Kring of Jay County, Indiana.
3. Aug. 11, 1897. 40 acres. A Warranty Deed. Amanda Clark and Joseph Clark (her husband), Jane Arbaugh



The Gerald May Family
Back row: Frank, Ludwina, John, Caroline, Clemens, Elizabeth, Alphonse. Front row: Hildagard, Cletus, Gerhard, Rosina (Diller), Marvin, Mary.

and John S. Arbaugh, (her husband), Margaret Adams and J. H. B. Adams (her husband), and Lavina Cring (unmarried) of Jay County, Indiana, and Hannah Winters and Eli Winters (her husband) of Elkart County, Indiana, and Ellen Hitz and Henry Hitz (her husband) of Darke County, Ohio to Benjamin Millenkamp of Jay County, Indiana.

4. June 21, 1897. Quit Claim Deed—80 acres. Theophilus W. Cring (unmarried) of Jay County, Indiana to Gerhard May and William Wellman of Jay County, Ind.
5. Dec. 8, 1900. Warranty Deed—1/7 part. Gerhard May and Rosinna May (his wife) and William Wellman and Sophia Wellman (his wife) of Jay County, Indiana to Benjamine Millenkamp of Jay County, Ind.
6. Dec. 8, 1900. Warranty Deed—12 acres. Benjamine Millenkamp and Anna Millenkamp (his wife) of Jay County, Indiana to Gerhard May and William Wellman of Jay County, Indiana.

Abstract Deed — Gerhard May Farm
Description: the East half of the SE quarter of Section 21, Township 24 North, Range 15 East in Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana containing 80 acres more or less. Tract Book of Entry page 89.

1. April 5, 1847. U.S.A. to John Lorah, signed by Martin VanBuren, President. Certificate fo Purchase, 400 acres.
2. May 27, 1850. Quit Claim Deed. 400 acres. Thomas Kelley and Catherine (wife) of Hancock County, Ohio to John Waighelt of Hancock County, Ohio.,
3. March 24, 1845. Quit Claim Deed. 400 acres. George W. Lorah and Eliza Lorah, his wife, of Wayne County, Ohio to Benjamin Buzzard of Wayne County, Ohio.
4. April 1, 1850. Quit Claim Deed. John B. Lorah and Elizabeth Lorah (wife) to Samuel L. Lorah.
5. March 27, 1850. Quit Claim Deed. John Babb and Sarah Babb (wife) to Samuel L. Lorah.
6. Samuel L. Lorah, John L. Wieght vs. George Burnett—Petition for Partition. Results: To Samuel L. Lorah one-half of said land to John Wieght; one-sixth of said part to Banjamin Buzzard sixth part, of said land; and to George Burnett and John Burnett Jointly, one-sixth part of said land. Samuel L. Lorah—94 acres. John Wieghts—66 acres. Benjamin Buzzard—67 acres. George Burnett and John Burnett—67 acres.
7. July 11, 1851. Waranty Deed. Samuel L. Lorah and Rachel Lorah (wife) of Wayne County, Ohio—94 acres, also 80 acres and 76 acres, and in all, 200 more or less as set off by partition.
8. Dec. 19, 1854. Waranty Deed. James Hoge and Elizabeth Hoge (wife) of Wayne County, Ohio to John Wiel of Jay County, Indiana, 80 acres and 26 acres, containing 106 acres, more or less.
9. Nov. 29, 1856. Warranty Deed. John Wile of Jay County, Indiana to Jacob Wile of Jay County, Indiana 40 acres.
10. March 16, 1870. Warranty Deed. John Wile and Elizabeth Wile of Jay County, Indiana, to Jacob Wile of Jay County, Indiana. 40 acres.
11. March 28, 1883. Warranty Deed. Jacob Wiles and Rosena Wiles (wife) of Jay County, Indiana to Henry Mai of Mercer County, Ohio. 80 acres.
12. Jan. 8, 1894. Warranty Deed. Henry May and Katherine May (wife) to Gerhard May of Jay County, Indiana. 80 acres.

Submitted by Marvin May.

J. Murl May

J. Murl May, a resident of Salamonia for over fifty years, was one of Jay County's well-known business men. He was an electrician, plumber, and appliance dealer. He installed many Delco-Light plants throughout the country, as well as windmills. He was a member of the Jay County Fair Board for many years. Murl had the first Gulf Oil Filling Station in Jay County.

Murl May was born April 5, 1889, and died May 25, 1962. Murl was the son of Fred C. and Mary Matilda (Fetter) May, of Madison Township. He received his schooling at Salamonia, (Nelson Williamson was one of his teachers). On May 18, 1912, Murl was married to Caroline Opal Smith, born January 1, 1889, died May 26, 1971. Opal was the daughter of Solomon and Mary Matilda (Theurer) Smith, of Noble Township. Opal received her schooling at the Sycamore School, in Noble Township. They were members of the United Church of Christ, in Salamonia. To them six children were born and four grew to maturity, namely: Mary Matilda, Paul Monroe, Ruby, Ruth, Ralph Frederick and Lowell. The children received their common schooling in the Salamonia one-room school and graduated from Madison Twp. High School.

Mary May (d. 11-18-80) married Ralph Geeting, and has lived in Anderson, Ind., their daughter is Shirley Ann Geeting. Shirley married Arlyn Engbrecht, (Wichita, Kan.) they reside in Anderson and have three sons: Philip Howard, Kirk Alan, and Brett Wayne.

Paul M. May, lives in Salamonia, where his parents had lived. He married E. Gene Roush, of Madison Township, and they have one son, Ralph Edward May, Madison Township, and he married Vickie Butler of Ridgeville. Their children are Nicole Elizabeth and John Frederick May.

Ruby F. married Robert Geeting, dec., has resided in

John Murl May and C. Opal May

Anderson and has three daughters, Janet, Wanda and Debra Geeting. Janet married James Olive, whose children are Michelle Renee and Kenneth Robert Olive. Wanda married Thomas Danner, resides in Sycamore, Ill., has a daughter, Jennifer Grace Danner. Debra married Michael Waitman, has a daughter, Angela Sue Waitman.

Ralph F. May resides in Anderson, Ind., married Mildred E. McKinley of Portland, and has five children: Paul Frederick lives in Charlottsville, Va., married Suzette Kimball, has a son Jeffry Stuart May; Peter Alan lives in Sheridan, Wyoming, married Debra Howley, has a son, Theodore Alan; Nancy Eileen m. David Hoffman, and lives in Wilmore, Ky. David L. m. Miriam Morrison, and lives in Anderson, Ind. and Tina Samaria at home.

Murl and Opal May are natives of Jay County and members of early settler families and they were always interested in the development, and activities of the community. *Submitted by Ralph May.*

P. J. May

Mr. Phillip May and Caroline Young were united in marriage October 30, 1860, in Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana. Their places of birth were in the fatherland, Beden, Germany. Phillip was born June 24, 1836, and came to America in 1854. He was then 18 years of age. Caroline was born March 16, 1843, and arrived in this country in 1852, being nine years old.

Mr. May, after landing in America, spent a few months in Marion, Ohio. He then came to Jay County. His father, Kraft T. May (1801-1882), mother, Mary (Egel) May, whose children were: Rosanna, married and stayed in Germany; Margaret married John Diebold, Marion, Ohio; Christian married Mary Stuber, of Ridgeville, Indiana; Phillip married Caroline Young; Louisa married a Rothermel, of Louisville, Kentucky; and Willie. Willie and his mother died in the "fatherland". The former Kraft May home in Germany was destroyed during World War II, and has been rebuilt as a restaurant.

Phillip purchased 120 acres, in 1861, from William A. and Rebecca Hartzell. Phillip was a carpenter by trade. They built a log cabin and log barn and kept improving. His life work began in earnest. The land had been partly cleared of timber, but was literally covered with stone. These were removed and used in foundations for the buildings on his farm, as well as those of his neighbors. Phillip purchased 40 acres from Geroge Frederick Leonhart, in 1863. Purchased 160 acres from Daniel R. and Elizabeth Wellbaum, in 1884. In 1885, he purchased 40 acres from William and Harriet Bush.

Phillip and Caroline were pioneers in Noble Township. They were Democrats and belonged to the Evangelical Church and took an active part in the community.

Phillip and Caroline were blessed with seven children: Caroline married Sigbert Probst of Marion, Ohio, whose children were: William m. Edith Lust; John m. Mary Cull; Arthur m. Bessie May Will; Bertha m. Frank Stanley; and George m. Iva Denman, all of Marion, Ohio. Mary C. married Henry Shumber, whose children were: John m. Hazel Golder; Thurman m. Grace Balwin; and Earl m. Nellie White of Lightsville, Ohio. Charlotte R. married George Gagle of Noble Township and Ft. Recovery, who had four children: Elza B. m. Della Leonard; Lulu m. Hayes Morris; Flossie m. Zoyd Money; and Dora m. Clarence Larson. Frederick C. May married Mary Matilda Fetter of Madison Township, who had two children: J. Murl May m. Opal Smith of Salamonia and Cora M. m. Jesse Locker of Madison Township. Lydia married Jacob Haley of Noble Township, who had five children: Russell m. Ruby Gibson, second m. A. Mary Sutsman; Vernon m. Wilma Freemyer;

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Arthur; Mae m. Clarence Schmidt, second m. Harry Teeters; and Mildred m. Sam Bailey. John P. May married Isabelle Wiley of Noble Township, who had one daughter, Carrie m. Herschel Loy. William H. May married Hattie Mark, lived in Ft. Recovery, who had one daughter, Nevo m. Arthur Miller of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Phillip and Caroline May celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. Phillip died February 7, 1918, and Caroline died July 6, 1922.

The Phillip May farm has been in the May family for 120 years.

C. A. McAfee

Charles Albert McAfee, fourth son of John and Sarah (Carmack) McAfee, was born December 24, 1871, in Washington Twp., Mercer Co., Ohio. His father came from Muskington Co., Ohio in 1850. Bought land in Washington Twp. Section 27, and was the first settler on this property. His mother came from Butler Co., Ohio.

He married Sarah Wiley, October 8, 1896, the daughter of John and Mary Jane Wiley, residents of Jay Co., Indiana. The Wiley family were direct emigrants from Donegal, Ireland. They attended the Presbyterian Church, west of Macedon, which was a branch of the Protestant Church of England.

Charles McAfee engaged in farming in Noble Twp., Jay Co. They owned a farm in Noble Twp., Section 2. They raised livestock to produce cash. They raised Belgian horses and always had a "two year old" to sell each year to a neighbor or to the horse buyer from the city to be used as a dray horse. They raised timothy hay to be baled in winter by a horse powered baler to be shipped to the city for horse feed. Some hogs were raised and fattened on corn and butchered in the dead of winter with snow on the ground and delivered to butchers in larger towns on a "mud boat" pulled by a team of horses. These trips took several days, however, after the railroads came they were shipped alive by railroad cars.

They had three children, Dorsey Porter, born July 1, 1900 in Washington Twp., Mercer Co. He married May 13, 1925, Marie Riffle Koch, daughter of Edward and Matilda Koch of Ft. Recovery, Ohio. They have two children, Edward, Noble Twp., Jay Co., Indiana and Mrs. Verlin (Ruth Ann) Craig, Bearcreek Twp., Jay Co. Dorsey is a retired school teacher and farmer living in Noble Twp., Jay Co., Indiana.

Charles and Sarah McAfee, Dorsey, Glea and Hazel

Sarah Glea, born April 25, 1902, Noble Twp., Jay Co. She married Charles Murl Ferner, June 4, 1921. He is the son of Rev. Ross and Nettie (Wortz) Ferner of Noble Twp., Jay Co. They have three children, Mrs. Francis (Fay Irene) Burch, Celina, Ohio; Mrs. Reno (Beverly) Seig, Spring Green, Wisc.; and Lowell Daniel of Noble Twp., Jay Co. Charles was engaged in farming most of his life.

Hazel Edith was born January 20, 1909, in Washington Twp., Mercer Co. She married Charles Bennett Miller, January 23, 1932. He is the son of Charles and Grace (Bennett) Miller, a farmer of Noble Twp., Jay Co., Indiana.

They have six children, Roberta Jean, born July 8, 1932; Mrs. Richard (Marilyn Maxine) Moon, born September 26, 1939; Richard Noel, born June 17, 1941, all of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Phillip Allen, January 6, 1947 to October 5, 1975; Donald Leon, born October 1, 1949, Anderson, Indiana and Jon Charles, born May 21, 1955, of Noble Twp., Jay Co., Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have lived at various places in Noble Twp. and have been engaged in livestock and grain farming all their lives. Mr. Miller drove a school bus for Noble Twp. School for 18 years. *Submitted by Dorsey P. McAfee.*

Charles Edward McAfee

Charles Edward McAfee, the son of Dorsey Porter McAfee and Mildred Marie (Koch) McAfee, was born November 10, 1926 in Noble Township. Edward, as he was known to neighbors and friends, the reason being his Grandfather Charles A. McAfee. Edward was born in the family home, on what is now State Rd. 26. He attended school in Noble Township in a one-room school known as Davis School. From there he went to Fort Recovery High School and graduated in 1945. After school, he worked at various places, finally going to Sheller Globe in Portland, where he worked for 21 years, retiring from there in 1967 and going to Avco New Idea, where he is presently working.

In 1947 on November 10th he married Rosalie Merry, the daughter of Arthur and Lela Merry residents of Delaware Co. Rosalie was born on September 17, 1929 in Muncie, she attended grade school in DeSoto and in 1941 the family moved to Mt. Pleasant Township where she graduated from Yorktown High School, she is presently employed at Loy's Sale Barn as a cook.

Edward and Rosalie are members of the United Church Of Christ in Fort Recovery, Ohio, where Edward was trustee and Rosalie taught Sunday school for many years. Edward belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Rosalie to Order of Eastern Star in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

In 1951 they moved to the farm that had been his Grandfather's, where they went into the poultry business. They were one of the first to put chickens into cages, some people thought this would never be successful.

Edward and Rosalie have two children, Connie Elaine, born December 11, 1948 and Michael Edward, born August 3, 1950. Connie attended school in Noble Township and graduated from Portland High School in 1967, she attended Ball State University. Connie is married to Herbert Howell and has four children and seven step-children. They are: Bradley Alan, 1970; David Aaron, 1975; Robert Andrew, 1977; and Brenda Marie, 1978. The step-children are: Herbert Jr., Shirley, Rebecca, Beverly, Mary Loiuise, Richard and Nathaniel. They reside in Ridgeville in Randolph Co.

Michael attended grade school in Noble Township and graduated from Portland High School in 1969. He attended Vinncences University. He lives on five acres of land that was once owned by his great grandfather. He has three sons: Christopher Michael, 1972; Rusty Alan, 1973; and Jay Brandon, 1976. *Submitted by Dorsey P. McAfee.*

Dorsey Porter McAfee

Dorsey Porter McAfee was born in Mercer Co., Ohio, July 1, 1900, the son of Charles and Sarah (Wiley) McAfee.

They moved to Noble Township, Jay Co., in 1908, attending a one-room school. He graduated from Fort Recovery High School, attended Ohio State University and graduated from Ball State University. He taught grade school in Noble Township and Mercer Co., Ohio for 20 years.

He married Marie (Riffle) Koch on May 13, 1925, the daughter of Edward and Matilda Koch of Fort Recovery, Ohio, she was born on April 4, 1902. They had two children, Charles Edward and Ruth Ann.

Dorsey and Marie attended the United Church of Christ in Fort Recovery, Ohio, where he held offices of trustee and deacon for over 50 years. Dorsey was director and vice president of the Peoples Bank in Fort Recovery and also after the merger with the Citizens Commercial Bank and Trust Co. in Celina, Ohio. He was an original member of the Jay Co. School Board, he served for seven years, 1965-1972, while several school buildings were being built.

Charles Edward was born Nov. 10, 1926, he attended school in Noble Township and graduated from Fort Recovery High School. He married Rosalie Merry of Delaware Co., the daughter of Arthur and Lela Merry. They have two children, Connie Elaine Howell of Ridgeville and Michael Edward of Noble Township.

Edward and Rosalie live on his grandfather's farm in Noble Township. It has been in the McAffe name since 1908. He farms and works for Avco New Idea in Coldwater, Ohio. He and Rosalie do much work in the Masonic Lodge.

Dorsey and Marie McAfee—50th Wedding Anniversary, 1975

Ruth Ann was born August 30, 1934 to Dorsey and Marie McAfee. She attended grade school in Fort Recovery, Ohio and graduated from Portland High School and later graduating from The Ball State School of Nursing. She worked for Dr. William Cripe for a number of years. She then worked as nurse administrator for the Portland Community Care Center for eight years. She is now employed as a nurse for Dr. Joseph Vohrmor.

She married Verlin Craig, son of Roy and Martha Craig of Bearcreek Township on August 4, 1956. They live on a farm in Bearcreek Township. Verlin works for MacIntosh in Berne, Ind.

They have two sons, James who is in the U.S. Army and Duane at home. The sons graduated from Portland High School.

Dorsey and Marie McAfee enjoyed 55 years of married life together before Marie passed away in December 1980. *Submitted by Dorsey P. McAfee.*

Arlie B. McAlhaney Family

Anna M. Myers, (b. 1889, d. 1961), was the daughter of Mary Bell Hendricks and Andrew Jackson Myers, married in 1916 to Arlie B. McAlhaney, (b. 1889, d. 1973). They had one son, Albert L., born in Berne, Ind. They moved to Ft. Wayne, where the spent their lives. Arlie retired after 27 years on the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was a freight conductor. He had retired for the night, one night, when he received a call from the chief operator to come in to work, for the regular man was ill. Arlie replied that he was too tired, he had been working long hours before this. The caller insisted that he come immediately, again, he said he was too tired, but later, got up and went to work. Arlie grabbed for the passenger rail to board the train, his hand slipped, and he fell. One leg went under the car, and his foot was cut off. They had one son, two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Anna and Arlie are buried in Green Lawn Cemetery, Ft. Wayne.

Albert L. McAlhaney (1916-1927) married Betty Short. Albert was a production worker for the Bordon Ice Cream Co. He and Betty became parents of Sharon McAlhaney Puff, and Susan McAlhaney Young, of New Haven, Ind. Betty lives in Ft. Wayne, Albert is buried in Highland Park Cemetery, Ft. Wayne. *Submitted by Luella DeBolt.*

McBride

Charles McBride was born June 9, 1868 in Cleves, Hamilton County, Ohio near Cincinnati. He was the son of James and Harriet (Ladd, Stafford) McBride. At the age of two, Charles, his sister Fanny and an unnamed baby were placed in a childrens home. When Charles was five or six years of age he came to live with the Blake Wiggs family in Spartansburg, Randolph County. Later the Wiggs family moved to Jay County, Indiana. Blake Wiggs was a farmer, attended the Little Salamonia Church and is buried in the church cemetery. Charles stayed with the Wiggs until he married in 1889 to Florence Bonnell, daughter of Louis and Angeline (Henry) Bonnell, well-known farmers of Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana.

Charles and Florrie had six children: Sherman, Clarrisa, Carrie, Fred, Jesse and Treva. Of these, Fred and Jesse reached maturity. Fred Leroy (born May 1, 1899) spent most of his life in Wisconsin, married September 2, 1939 to Wilma Austin. They are now living in Florida. They have one son, Billy. Jesse Elsworth (b. July 18, 1901, d. April 9, 1953) married Inez Marie Franks on October 31, 1918. Jesse and Inez had two children, Glen Elwood and Clifford Duane. Forence Bonnell, wife of Charles, died in 1904. They boys, Fred and Jesse, were raised in the homes of Charles Miltaler and James Wright, respectively.

In 1907, our subject, Charles McBride married Viola Maude Fortune of Coshocton County, Ohio. To this union were born four children: Margaret, died in infancy; Marjorie Eloise married Hobart Wright; Glen Elmer married Avanelle Elizabeth Foster, both living in Coshocton County and Raymond Lear died at age nineteen.

Mr. McBride worked in Fort Recovery and Portland, learned the embalming trade, did service with Hines Funeral Home now the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. In 1910 Charles and family moved to Coshocton County, Ohio where he worked with Eureke Laundry and tenant on the Elmer Ensley farm. Charles, also, saved many lives in the 1913 flood, carrying people out of Roscoe, Ohio. In July 1932, Charles died of apparent organic heart trouble. He is buried in the Antioch Cemetery in Jay County, Indiana. *Submitted by Grace McBride.*

Glen Elwood McBride

Glen Elwood McBride was born January 29, 1921 in Portland, Jay County, Indiana, son of Jesse Elsworth and Inez Marie (Franks) McBride. He took schooling in Portland and at the age of 16 Glen went to work for Schatz Baking Company. Here he learned the bakery trade.

On March 18, 1939 Glen married Grace Opal Andress, born November 14, 1918 in Mercer County, Ohio, daughter of William and Minna (Baumgartner) Andress. To this union were born four children.

Berna Deane (May 27, 1940) married April 11, 1959 to Willard Derrickson, son of Harold and Zella (Franks) Derrickson, long time residents and garage business in Portland. Willard and Dean have four children: Mrs. Kelvin (Sheri Lyn) Stigall of Orange, California; Lesli Lavon of Florida, Jimmi Duane and Willard Dean at home. They have two grandchildren, Kerry Dean Stigall of California and Leslie Dawn Derrickson of Florida.

Marvin Roger (September 20, 1942) married December 1, 1963 to Vera Sue Myers, daughter of Charles and Norma (Renner) Myers. Roger has been employed with March Foodliners for 23 years and is now working at the Marsh Store in Winchester, Indiana. Roger and Sue reside in Portland and are the parents of two children, Marvin Roger Jr. and Christina Lorraine.

Glenna Jo (November 28, 1946) was secretary for WADM Radio Station before marrying July July 10, 1965 to Richard Wayne Weiland of Decatur. Richard and Jo reside in Decatur and have two children, Beverly Marie and Richard Wayne II.

Charles Edward (January 28, 1951) graduated from Decatur High School and like his brother took up with Marsh Roodliners. In March 1971 Charles married Diane Kay Griffith of Ann Arbor, Michigan. They had one daughter, Michelle Lee. Charles and Diane were divorced in 1975 with Michelle in custody of her father. Charles later married on July 10, 1977 to Joann Brown, daughter of Ed and Ruby Brown of Columbus, Indiana. Charles and Joann have one son, Charles Edward II. At present the four reside on Rural Route, Edinburgh, Indiana, while Charles works at Marsh Foodliners in Greenwood, Indiana.

On April 13, 1944, our subject, Glen Elwood McBride answered the draft of World War II, served in the infantry, took basic training in Camp Rucker, Alabama. On June 13, 1944 was transfered to Fort Dix, New Jersey for Post Food Service. Here his bakery training came to light for he was put in charge of the Post Bakery until his discharge in 1946. He served in the reserves and was called to Fort Sheridan, Illinois for the Korean War, was given an Honorable Discharge November 11, 1950.

Coming back to Jay County, Glen took up farming and sales, later went into trucking business and used furniture. This he sold and in 1965 went to work at Central Soya in Decatur, Indiana. He still has interests and property in Jay County including Colonial Rug Shop. *Submitted by Grace O. McBride.*

Jesse Elsworth McBride

Jesse Elsworth McBride (1901-1953) was born in Jay County, Indiana, son of Charles and Florence (Bonnell) McBride. His mother died when he was three years of age. Jesse lived in the James Wright home till his father married again then he went to live with his father in Coshocton County, Ohio. Coming back to Jay County at the age of 17, he went to work at the Portland Drain Tile Company. On October 31, 1918, Jesse married Inez Marie Franks, born August 18, 1904, daughter of Joseph and Edith (Tullis) Franks. Jesse and Inez had two children, Glen Elwood (born January 29, 1921) and Clifford Duane (born November 26, 1923, died January 31, 1938 of diphtheria).

Jesse and Inez lived in Green Township on a farm before moving into Portland in 1923. They lived on North Franklin Street for many years. While here Jesse and Inez worked at the Jay Garment Company for six years during which time they ventured into making hooked rugs in their home. In 1937 they opened a shop on Water Street making hooked and old-fashion rag rugs. They named this business "The Colonial Rug Shop". In 1945 they bought a farm and moved to Pike Township, farming and making rugs. Selling the farm in 1950, they moved to 621 West Main Street, Portland.

In 1951 Jesse and son Glen entered into the trucking business known as "Mac's Trucking Company", in which they did moving business and run a Star Route from Portland to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In 1953, Jesse was killed in an automobile accident. Seven years after the father's death the son sold the trucking business. The Colonial Rug Shop still remains on West Main Street and is operated by Jesse's widow, Mrs. Inez McBride. *Submitted by Glen E. McBride.*

Marvin R. McBride

Marvin R. McBride, Sr., b. September 20, 1942 and Vera Sue Myers, b. April 3, 1945, were married December 1, 1963 by Rev. Floyd Elliott in Portland, Ind. at the Evangelical United Brethern Church. They reside at 912 West Main

Marvin and Christina McBride, children of Marvin and Vera McBride.

Street. They have two children, Marvin Roger, Jr., b. July 10, 1964, and Christina Lorraine, b. October 31, 1965.

Marvin Sr. is the son of Glen Elwood McBride, b. January 24, 1921, and Grace Opal Andress, b. November 14, 1918. Glen and Grace were married March 18, 1939. Glen had one brother, Clifford, b. October 22, 1924, who died at a young age. Glen is the son of Jesse Ellsworth, b. July 18, 1903, and Inez Marie Franks, b. August 18, 1904. Jesse and Inez were married October 31, 1919. Inez is the daughter of Edward and Edith Ardis Tullis Franks; Jesse is the son of Charles and Florence Bonnell McBride. Grace McBride is the daughter of the late William F. and Minna Baumgartner Andress. They were born January 19, 1889 and June 28, 1877 respectively.

Grace has two brothers, Robert Andress, and the late Floyd Andress, and four sisters, Mrs. Francis (Ruth Orpha) Studabaker, Mrs. Pearl McMillan, Mrs. Vera Mae Andress-Dusseau, and Mrs. Donna Rose Gifford.

Marvin Sr. has two sisters, Mrs. Willard (Berna Deane) Derrickson, b. May 27, 1940, and Mrs. Richard (Glenna Jo) Weiland, b. November 28, 1946, and one brother, Charles Edward, b. January 28, 1951. Vera Sue has three sisters, Mrs. Charyl Ann Shaneyfelt, b. May 13, 1949; Mrs. Daniel (Marilyn Kay) Beeler, b. July 21, 1946; and Mrs. Daniel Winans (Pamela Darlene), b. July 29, 1952, two brothers: Michael D., b. February 19, 1943, and Charles Robert, b. May 6, 1955.

Vera Sue is the daughter of Charles Dalshon Myers, b. January 25, 1921, and Norma Ruth Renner, b. December 11, 1925. They were married June 30, 1941. Charles and Norma reside at R.R.2 Portland, Ind. Charles is the son of the late Eugene Fremont Myers and Vera June (Becktol). Vera Becktol Myers died after the birth of their twin sons, Gerald and Herald. Eugene married Dorothy Younts, who is also deceased. Charles Myers has three sisters: Mrs. Russell (Helen) Moore, Alverta Myers, and the late Mrs. Kenneth (Mary) Arnold, and five brothers: LeRoy, Herbert, the twins, and the late Robert Myers.

Norma Myers had six sisters: Mrs. Julia Kemp, Mrs. James (Etta) Calvert, and the late Mrs. James (Kathleen) Ford. Two other sisters died young, Silvia and Jane Renner. She has two brothers, Donald and Paul E., two step-brothers, Charles and Kenneth Myers, and one step-sister, Mrs. Larry (Carol) Steiner. Charles is in Fairbanks, Alaska, and Kenneth is in Colorado. Norma is the daughter of the late Paul Russell Renner and Susan Agnes Long. Susan Agnes married Russell Myers after her husbands death. Both Susan and Russell are deceased. Susan Agnes was the daughter of Jesse and Ethel Tate. Tate and Headington were said to have started the Headington Hotel, and a livery stable in early Jay County History.

Jesse and Inez McBride operated a rug shop in Portland for years at 621 West Main St., known as the Colonial Rug Shop. These are woven rag rugs. Following Jesse's death, Inez has continued to weave rugs, and does so today at the age of 76. Marvin Sr. worked in the rug shop for two summers, making rugs. At the age of 15, he began working at Elliott's Fruit market for two summers. The fruit market was owned and operated by Pat and June Elliott.

Marvin then went to Marsh Supermarkets, then known as Marsh Foodliners, at age 16. He has progressed through the produce and dairy departments into the position of head stockman of the grocery department. He was then promoted to assistant manager of the Portland store. He was transferred to the Marsh store at New Haven, and again to one of the three Marsh stores in Ft. Wayne. When Marsh sold the three stores in Ft. Wayne, he was moved to the Winchester Store, where he is presently employed. He has a 22 year record of employment with this food chain.

Vera was employed several places. She was a long-distance operator with the United Telephone Co., a nurses aid at the Jay County Hospital, a cook at the Jay School Corporation. She worked at the Decatur Castings Co. at Decatur, where she was an inspector of iron castings. She was employed at the Graphic and Commercial-Review Printing Co. for two years, there she was a proofreader, and became society editor before they were transferred to Ft. Wayne.

Both Marvin Jr. and Christina are presently in private employment. They wash windows for Portland and Winchester Merchants. Their business is known as Marv's Window Cleaning.

Marvin Jr. plans to study to be a medical doctor at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. He has been accepted for the 1982-83 year. He will graduate from Jay County High School this spring. Christina has no plans as yet for further schooling. She will not graduate until 1984. She does plan on further schooling.

The family of Marvin McBride, Sr. are members of and attend the Redkey Church of the Bible Covenant, located at 325 S. Meridian St. in Redkey. *Submitted by Sue McBride.*

McCarty

Marshall B. McCarty was born Jan. 13, 1876, in Hartford City to Thomas and Charlotte (Whistler) McCarty. He married Ida Helen Douthett (born 6-19-1876) in Hocking Co., Ohio on Aug. 23, 1900, in Bay View, Michigan, in the home of Eliza Lupton, Great-Aunt of the bride. Their attendants were his brother and sister-in-law, George McCarty and Inez Koerner McCarty of Muncie, Ind.

Bea and Helen settled in Pennville, Ind. in 1900 and opened a general store, McCarty & Company. Over the 47 years they operated this store, it went by other names, McCarty & Gordon and McCarty & Bowman from 1916 on. During these years they raised six children, three sons.

Marshall Elza, born 8-17-1901, married Beatrice Iona Wright. They live in Pennville today but have no children.

Bea and Ida Helen McCarty

Second born was Lydia Margaret (11-7-1903), who married Waldo Batten of Muncie. They had three sons: William Waldow Batten (2-11-26), Bruce Burnard (7-26-28) and Robert Rex Batten (3-20-30). Today Marnie, her sons and their families live around Piqua and Dayton, Ohio. There are eight great-grandchildren.

Third was Thomas Donald McCarty, born 11-7-06, which was Marnies third birthday. Tom married Sarah Margaret Mahoney of Huntington, Ind. on 1-2-32 in Covington, Ky. They have two daughters: Marilyn Jane Juday (3-21-34) of Muncie, Ind., with three sons; and Dorothy Margaret Pistorius (5-24-41) of Middlebury, Vt., with two sons. Tom is involved in the lumber business and owned Central Paint & Lumber in Elwood, Ind. from 1933-1965 and McCarty Wholesale Lumber Co., Inc. in Muncie from 1946 to 1981.

The third son was Roger Adair McCarty, born 5-4-09, who married Mary Louise Hallgarth on 1-16-37 in Dillsboro, Ind. They live in Muncie where Rod is controller for McCarty Lumber Co. Their only child was Ray Allen McCarty, born 5-23-1955 and died of bone cancer on Aug. 6, 1978. He is buried north of Muncie in the Gardens of Memory Mausoleum. The McCarty line ends here.

Jean Harrington, Edwina Hedges, Roger McCarty, Tom McCarty, Margaret Davis, Marshall McCArty. Taken in 1978.

The fifth child was Georgia Edwina McCarty, born 8-30-14, who married Hubert Hedges. They farmed north of Pennville and raised four sons. James married Carol Elliott, has four children and lives in Portland. Larry and Beverly have two children and live in Wabash. Tom and Dianne have three children, and live near Lake James where Tom is a state trooper. Donovan Mac married LaKresha who had Karissa (3-14-74). Mother and child were killed 9-9-75 in an auto accident. Mac then married Rebecca Barnes in 1980 and they have Breann, born 3-24-81. Their address is Bryant, Ind.

The sixth and last child is Jeanne Phyllis McCarty (2-19-1918) who married Robert J. Harrington (deceased) after her discharge from the W.A.C. Their children were Dianne and Patrick. They live near West Milton, Ohio.

Many people passed through McCarty's store over the years. The cash register is still in use in McCarty Lumber in Muncie but the butcher block, cracker barrel and pot-belly stove are gone. Bea died 3-11-1964 in Pennville. Helen died 3-29-1971. They are buried in the Twin Hills Cemetery in Pennville. Ida Helen was a genealogist and author. A member of the Portland Daughters of the American Revolution-National Number 198041, State Regent of the Daughters of the American Colonist, Charter member of The EnAvant Club of Pennville, Order of eastern Star. She was a busy wife and mother. They attended the Methodist Church in Pennville. *Submitted by Edwinna Hedges.*

Edward Ira McConnell Family

John A. McConnell (GAR, b. 5-2-1837) at Green County, Ohio and Eliza Green (b. 10-2-1845) were married June 27, 1872 and lived in Dunkirk, Indiana. The parents of Flora May McKenney Mortimer, and Edward Ira.

Edward Ira McConnell (b. 9-9-1874, d. 5-28-1945) married Nora Elizabeth Whetsel (b. 1-15-1873, d. 2-27-1943) daughter of Rev. Aaron Smith Whetsel and Martha Jane Kelley of Dunkirk, on February 27, 1900. They lived in Redkey, Indiana for about six months before moving into a house in the north part of Pennville, Indiana. In 1902 a son, Ralph A., was born. Ralph married Pauline Hummel of Ridgeville on April 27, 1928 and now lives in Mt. Summit, Indiana.

In 1903 the McConnell's built a two-story tongue and groove frame eight room home across from the Engler Elevator in the east part of town on Maple Street. In this home five daughters were born: Ruth M. married Melvin Engle of Pennville, now deceased, Grace Ann Cramer of Marion, Indiana, Marjorie May Russell Whirledge, Selma, Indiana, Eva Jane Pierce, Edgewood, Anderson, Indiana, and Mary Elizabeth Smothers, Elm Lake, Gaston, Indiana.

Edward worked at the Home Union Store for $9.00 a week until the store was destroyed by fire. He then opened a grocery store in the south part of town, called The Beehive Store (buzzing with bargains). The Williams Dime Store still operates in this building. The store had home delivery service and Ralph was used for this when he was old enough.

On February 1, 1916 a lease was signed for the southeast corner of the brick building at Union and Largo Streets, with Dr. Samuel Mason, for $240 per annum plus the use of

BeeHive Store in Pennville, Indiana. Ed McConnell, owner; Emma Gray, clerk; Indian pony used for delivery of groceries.

a team of horses for moving stock at $1.50 per day. At this time a dry goods department was added with corsets, ladies wear, hats, etc. Clerks were Mrs. Emma Gray, Florence Tindall, and Mary Cash. A horse-drawn Huckster Wagon was also added, and driven by James Morrical. When the daughters reached a suitable age, they were taught to make change and clerk. Above the store was the Grange Hall Lodge and at times the basement was used to store apples from the Gregg Orchards.

The family was active in the Methodist Church and are still active members in their respective communities. Nora McConnell was a loyal member of the Missionary and Ladies' Aid Societies and was, at one time, a member of the Rebekah Lodge. Edward was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow Lodges. He was a staunch Republican and was active in the party.

Ralph attended Mechanical School in Chicago, Illinois, Ruth, a member of Tri Kappa, Grace, a member of Sigma Delta Tau, and Eva Jane attended Muncie Business College. Marjorie, Eastern Star, and Mary Eastern Star, Delta Theta Tau, Delta Zeta, were graduated from Ball State and both taught in the Pennville School a number of years before going to other school systems. Marjorie retired from Selma Elementary School and Mary retired from Blaine School of the Muncie Community Schools. Both are members of the professional organizations. *Submitted by Pauline McConnell.*

Everett McCormick Family

Appline O'Bain married Ezra Poland, b. 1882, d. 1920. Ezra's mother, Jessie Poland, raised the daughter, Irene Catherine Poland, b. 1904, in the Poland home. Irene Catherine married Everett McCormick (1892-1925). They were parents of two children: James, who died when a baby, and Dorothy Mae. Irene Catherine married Goble Morgan after Everett's death. Their children were: Ruby Morgan Kelly, Stella Morgan Jacobs, Della Morgan Hendrix, and Carolyn Morgan Sharp. A child, Jennie, died young. All the children live in Kentucky except Stella.

Stella Morgan married James E. Jacobs. James is an electrician at the G. E. Plant in Decatur, Ind. Stella is employed a the Jay County Hospital, as nurses aide. Jim and Stella have four children: Catherine, Rita, Glen and Dottie. They live in the rural area, near Portland.

Dorothy Mae McCormick married Sidney Roe, from Clintonville, Ky. They moved to Jay County in 1945. Sidney was employed at the Portland Forge. Their children are Shelby, married to Robert Denney, James Lee, Edward Thomas, Sue Ellen, and Roberta Margaret.

During the polio epidemic in 1949, all the Roe children were stricken. Shelby, Roberta and James were taken to the American Legion building where an isolation hospital had been set up. They could not see each other, and Roberta remembers how frightened they were. Their parents couldn't visit them. The children all recovered, except Shelby, who was left with a crippled leg.

Roberta is proud of her painting talent. She is almost self-taught, yet she sells many of her paintings. *Submitted by Roberta M. Thomas.*

Five generations of girls were together recently. Mrs. Irene Morgan, 348 Highland Ave., Versailles, Ky., seated at right, holds her great-great-granddaughter, Gina Renee Smith. Seated beside Mrs. Morgan is her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy M. Roe, 921 W. Arch St., Portland. Directly behind Mrs. Roe, is grandmother, Mrs. Roberta M. Thomas, 107 Greenpark Dr., Portland, and on her right is Mrs. Thomas's daughter and Gina Renee's mother, Mrs. Teresa May Smith, 960 Chicago Ave., Portland. 1978.

The McCoy Family

The ancestors of the McCoy family in Jay County came to America from Scotland, and they came to Indiana from Kentucky. When John McCoy, whose father had died, was 14 years old, his mother and younger brothers and sisters were killed by Indians while he was getting the cattle in the woods. As an orphan in the wilderness, he joined Harrison's army and fought in the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811.

This John McCoy, the survivor, is mentioned in Montgomery's History of Jay County as living in Jay County in 1834. He married Elizabeth Thomas whose ancestors came to Pennsylvania in 1681, and whose family later settled in Jay County. Their son was William McCoy, a lawyer who was born in Jay County and practiced in Portland. He was married to Catherine Leonard, daughter of John and Catherine Leonard, who was born in Ireland, but had lived in Portland since her girlhood. The family was Irish Catholic and came in the great migration to America to escape the famine in Ireland. Catherine Leonard attended Liber College and later taught school to students who were sometimes older than she. Catherine Leonard and William McCoy's son was John Walker McCoy, who was born in Stockton, Missouri, April 17, 1868. He married Emma Jane Toumey on September 5, 1909. She was born in Darke County, Ohio, March 6, 1873.

Emma Jane Toumey's grandparents were Timothy O'Toumey and Honora Barrett. Their son was Jeremiah O'Toumey who was born on November 2, 1843 in Ballinolourth, Parish of Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland. Jeremiah came to America in 1852 at the age of nine. He left his home in Darke County, Ohio to join the Union army and was a prisoner of war at the infamous Andersonville in Sumter County, Georgia. Jeremiah O'Toumey married Margaret Heuss (Heis) who was born March 31, 1848 in Neirveighingen, Germany. She came to the United States in 1853 at the age of five years. They were married February 22, 1870.

John Walker McCoy (1868-1948), and Emma Jane Toumey (1873-1959), had three children: John Toumey, Mary Catherine, and Margaret Jane.

Mary Catherine McCoy was born May 6, 1914 at Portland, Indiana. She married James Gordon Meeker on July 2, 1937 at Portland and they have two children: Richard Jay Meeker, born May 2, 1938 at Portland, and Mary Grace Meeker, born September 15, 1959 at Portland.

John Toumey McCoy married Kathryn Armstrong and they live in Portland. They have a son, Michael Armstrong McCoy of Rockville, Maryland.

Margaret Jane McCoy married William Charles Donelson and they now live in Sun City, Arizona. They had two children, Diane and Barbara. Diane is married to Ewing Rogers and they have two children, Jennifer and Ewing Rogers, IV and live in Yoakum, Texas. Barbara is married to Roger Park Bond and they live in Tulsa, Oklahoma. *Submitted by J. Gordon Meeker.*

Joseph McCurdy

Joseph McCurdy, son of Henry and Mary Smith McCurdy, was born November 29, 1858 and died August 30, 1890. He lived in New Mt. Pleasant, Jay County, Indiana, and was married to Amanda Van Skyock, daughter of John and Pardyne Morrical Van Skyock. Amanda was born April 18, 1864 and died December 26, 1939. Joseph was in the entertainment and promotional business. Their children were Rosella and Russell. Rosella married William Crow and they had no children. They were in the restaurant business. Russell married Sara Brosher; they lived in Portland and were the parents of Dorothy, born September 2, 1903 and married to Cecil Imel; Kermit, born November 1, 1904 and married to Gladys Landers; and Jane, born November 17, 1913, married to James W. Landers. The latter three still live in Portland, Indiana.

Kermit has no sons and is the last of this line to have the McCurdy name.

Max Metzner McDaniel

Max Metzner and Estella May (Steury) McDaniel have lived in Portland, Indiana for 36 years. Max is the son of John and Ethel (Metzner) McDaniel. Estella's parents were Daniel P. and Catherine (Habegger) Steury, Berne, Indiana.

William McDaniel, grandfather of Max, was born in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1839. In 1875 he married Susan Ricks who was born in Winston Salem, North Carolina in 1848. They moved to Portland, Indiana in 1876. William was a carpenter. They had five children: Lee, born in 1877; Lizzie, born in 1880; John, born in 1883; Charles, born in 1886; and Minnie, born in 1888. William died in 1914 and Susan died in 1922. Their parents had come to America from Scotland around the year 1800.

John McDaniel, Max's father, first worked at the Portland Silo Company, laying bricks. Then worked at Bimel Spoke and Wheel until it closed in 1929. In 1933 he got started in the roofing and siding business. In 1936 he established McDaniel & Sons Roofing and Siding which is still in operation, and still carries his name. During both World War I and World War II he worked at the Portland Forge and Foundry. In 1915 he was married to Ethel Metzner.

John Metzner, a great-grandfather of Max, was born in Saxony, Germany in 1805. In 1838 he immigrated to America landing in Baltimore, Maryland. His father died on the ship while crossing the Atlantic. John was a wagon maker. Eighteen months after arriving in this country, he moved to Cleveland, Ohio. In 1839 he was married to Catherine Young in Newark, Ohio. Catherine Young was born in France in 1819 and came to America in 1837 with her parents. John and Catherine moved to Jay County in the 1840's.

Wesley T. Metzner, Max's grandfather, was one of eleven children born to John and Catherine Metzner. He was born in Jay County in 1855. He was a farmer and bridge builder. In 1885 he married Mary Emma Roser. She was born in Jay County in 1863. They had four children: Ethel, born in 1886; Jay, born in 1888; Mary Vada, born in 1896; and Mabel, born in 1905.

Ethel, Max's mother, graduated from Portland High School in 1907, then worked at the Weiler Department Store until she married John McDaniel in 1915. To this union were born three children: John, Jr., born in 1916; Max, born in 1918; and Lee, born in 1920.

Max McDaniel and Estella Steury were married in Berne, Indiana in 1945. This was during World War II and Max was serving in the United States Navy. After graduation from Portland High School in 1936, he attended Ball State Teachers College, then worked for Smenner Architectural firm in Muncie, Indiana, and Brown and Brockmeyer, Dayton, Ohio until he was called into the service. In January 1946, after being discharged from the Navy, he became associated with his father's roofing and siding business and, along with his brother Lee, has been working in that business ever since.

Max was the first boy scout in Jay County to earn an Eagle Scout award, which is the highest award in scouting. He received this award in 1934 and was associated with the Scouting program for over 40 years.

Max and Estella are the parents of five children: Terry, Linda, twins daughters Jane and Elaine, and Ann.

Terry, born in 1946, did his undergraduate work at Wittenberg University, then earned a doctoral degree in physics at Michigan State University. He is married to Rosemary Bodle. They live near Rochester, Minnesota where he works for IBM in research and development. They have two children, Ian and Erika.

Linda, born in 1949, is married to Gary Bone. They live in Portland and he is associated with the McDaniel Roofing and Siding firm. They have four children: Michael, Jason, and twin daughters Emily and Erin.

Jane, born in 1955, earned a degree in business from Ball State University. She works for Diamond Chain in Indianapolis, Indiana. She is married to John Richert. He has a degree in Nursing from Ball State University and works at Winona Hospital in Indianapolis.

Elaine, born in 1955, earned a degree in home economics from Ball State University. She is married to Jim Raszkowski. Jim earned a degree in engineering from General Motors Institute and works for Chevrolet Division of General Motors in Muncie, Indiana. They have one son, Eric.

Ann, born in 1956, earned a degree in Medical Technology from St. Francis College and works at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She is married to Tracy Tullis. Tracy is a graduate of International Telephone & Telegraph Institute. and works for Guardian Photo Lab in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

We are members of Zion Lutheran Church. Max is a member and past president of Lions International. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge. *Submitted by Max McDaniel.*

McFarland

John Henry McFarland and Mary Mabel Miller McFarland were my parents. They named me George Arch McFarland. I was born May 11, 1903. My father, John Henry was born June 1, 1867, died Sept. 5, 1945, was the son of Archibald and Suzanna Hiester McFarland. The original McFarlands, James and Esther, came from Ireland. My paternal grandmother, Suzanna, was the daughter of Daniel and Sarah Lengel (Lengle) formerly of Lebanon County, Pa. More about the Hiesters can be found in the D.A.R. records at the Public Library. And the McFarland's in my memoirs "This and That about my life".

My mother, Mary Mabel, b. November 12, 1874, was the daughter of George Miller, Jay County. His family came here from Montgomery Co., Ohio. Mary Mabel's mother was Narcissus Hawkins, daughter of Benjamin and Caroline Emsminger Hawkins, early Jay County residents and settlers. They are written in Jay's History 1922, and earlier histories, also in my memoirs.

I lived with my parents on their 48 acre farm one-half mile east of Boundary City. As the first born son, fifth child, I had a hectic time growing up. One incident was when my sister Vera talked me into catching a Leghorn rooster so she could have a feather from his tail to put on her hat. I fell off the gate trying to catch him. I dislocated my elbow and broke the arm. The elbow never died heal, it is still dislocated. As I grew older I had the usual barn chores, pumping water, carrying out the ashes. I also had to turn the DeLaval cream seperator. I cranked it like an airplane.

We all worked, the girls were busy helping in the house. My sisters were Portia Narcissus, Vera Susan, Charlotte Lucretia, Anna Louise, myself, Ruth Naomi, Avaline Caroline, brothers, Joseph Paul, and John Miller. John drowned when he was 20 years old.

My father was a school teacher, so much of the farming fell to me. Some of the crops we raised were oats, corn, wheat and enough cane to make sorghum molasses to reduce sugar purchases. We used it for everything we could, pancakes, cereal and some baking. Cookies were popular. We stripped the cane of leaves, loaded it on the wagon, and hauled it to the sorghum mill. The mill was at Salamonia. There the stalks were crushed, and the juice cooked thick, becoming sorghum. My mother managed the garden herself. She, with the girls, canned everything they could including fruit from our orchard, and berries we gathered wild. We raised almost everything we needed on the farm to eat, beef, pork, and chickens. Some we traded at the grocery for things we couldn't raise or make.

My pets at home were a billy goat, I named Billy, and a dog, a collie named Laddie. I also rode the mare used to pull the buggy, named Lady.

My father received his teachers training at the Liber College, and he taught in one-room schools, mostly in Pike Township, for 40 years.

I got my first paying job when I was 12 years old. I helped Jim Glasgow for 10 days for 50 cents a day. Our next door neighbor had a new calf. He said he would sell it for $5.00, because he didn't want to feed it out. Dad said if I wanted it, he would feed it. I was afraid the calf would die, and I'd lose my money, but I finally bought it. At the end of six weeks I sold it for $20.00. I put the money in the bank. When I graduated from the eighth grade, I bought all my graduation outfit. Since I was the first boy, I didn't have to wear hand-me-downs. Mother made them all. This was my first storebought suit.

I worked for my sister Portia's husband, Bert Confer, one fall. We would go to the field at "break of day" to shuck corn. Bert would shuck two rows to my one, but my dad had always taught me to shuck "clean". Bert only made one swipe, if all the shuck came off, fine, if it didn't it all went into the wagon.

After I was old enough, I went to work at Sheller Mfg. Co. in Portland. I worked in the spider dept., grinding off the flash from the spiders, or inserts for steering wheels. I stayed at Shellers for 39 years. I have worked several places since. I live in Geneva, Ind. at this time.

On December 1, 1923, I married Geraldine Marie Garber, of Monroe, Ind. Her father was George A. Garber, her mother was Anna Burkey. Marie had a brother, John, and two sisters, Hazel and Martha. Marie and I became parents of Betty Marie, Robert Leon, and Jack Sheldon. Marie died August 5, 1942.

The following year, December 24, 1943, I was married to Violinda Ruth Ashcraft. Her parents were Lewis Thurman and Marie Ruth Feagler Ashcraft. More of their family history can be found in "My Memoirs!" Our son, John Ashcraft McFarland was born on December 21, 1944.

I have served on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Portland Country Club, was a member of the Portland Rotary, and Wabash Country Club of Geneva. I also used to belong to the Jr. order of American Mechanics, of which my dad and Uncle Itha McFarland used to serve as state officers. I am a member of the Moose, Elks Lodges, Masons, Scottish Rite, Shrine and the Rainbow Lake Assoc. *Submitted by George A. McFarland.*

McGeath

The name recorded in Ireland as early as 1062 was in Irish spelled "Eachdonn" meaning "Horse Lord". McGeath was adopted by the descendents of James, son of Joseph McGeache as he spelled it in his will dated Mar. 12, 1761 and proved June 9, 1761.

Joseph McGeache came to America in 1749 from Tyrone Co., Ireland. His one son, Capt. John McGeath, fought with LaFayette in the Revolutionary War. Capt. John was born in Loudon Co., Va. in 1751 and married Elizabeth Davis. Their son Thomas McGeath, born Nov. 1, 1777, married Elizabeth Perfect, and they moved to Henry Co., Ind. where they both died in 1844. Their son, James Hamilton McGeath (Oct. 11, 1811-Dec. 22, 1878) married Elizabeth Foreman (April 13, 1818-June 2, 1878) on Nov. 23, 1837 in Henry Co., Ind., after which time they settled in Wells Co., Ind. They had 15 children, the youngest was Thomas Jefferson (Nov. 5, 1859-Feb. 23, 1931) who married on Mar. 8, 1883 in Chester Twp., Wells Co. to Margaret Elizabeth Goodin (Mar. 8, 1864-Oct. 1, 1949). Her parents were James Donaldson Goodin and Nancy Twibell.

To this union were born three children: Kitty, Leota Beatrice and Lawrence Goodin. Leota married Carl Fisk Baldwin who was a Christian minister and a school teacher.

McLaughlin

The first McLaughlin we know about is Hugh and even then we do not know when or where he was born, probably in Ireland, but we do know, as records show, he died in 1772 and left as orphans Hugh and James, who as the custom of the times were bound out. Hugh McLaughlin, orphan of Hugh, age 14, bound out to John Hogshead, currier, farmer and shoemaker. In 1814 Hugh and his brother James had a tavern at Lewisburg, Greenbrier County, now West Virginia.

Hugh was born 1758 in Augusta County, Virgina, died 1833 Greenbrier County, Virginia. October 14, 1792, he married Jane Wiley, daughter of Robert and Hester Wiley. We know of seven children: (1) John, born February 21, 1799, Bath County, Virginia, died March 16, 1860, Jay County; (2) Hugh, born March 23, 1803 (twin), Bath County, Virginia, died October 22, 1885, Jay County; (3) Jane, married James Nichols, January 11, 1828; (4) Rachel, born 1810, died April 22, 1851, married Jacob Bennett; (5) Hiram, went to California during the gold rush; (6) Mary, lived in Meigs County, Ohio, married Cottrel; (7) William, twin to Hugh, born March 23, 1803, Bath County, Virginia, died July 3, 1872, Jay County.

John McLaughlin, born February 21, 1799, left Virginia when he was 22 years old. He left because of the danger he incurred for interfering with a slave driver for beating a slave. He went to Meigs County, Ohio, in 1821 where he met Barbara Spillman who came there with her father Christopher Spillman at age 15. She was born December 21, 1805, Randolph County, Virginia, died January 20, 1874, Jay County. She married John McLaughlin August 24, 1824. John emigrated to Jay County in November 1833 and settled in Madison Township. Having insufficient money for the entry fee for the land he wanted, he went to Kosciosko County, Indiana, where he lived until October 1, 1837, when he returned to Jay County and entered 160 acres of land ½ mile east of the village of Salamonia. He was one of three men who first organized the Christian Church in Salamonia in 1842. The first election after the permanent organization of Madison Township was held in 1838 at the Goldsmith home and William Money, John McLaughlin and Thomas Atkinson were first trustees.

To this union were born eleven children: (1) Jane, born May 8, 1825, died May 12, 1899, married Jonas Harter; (2) Elizabeth, born April 1, 1827, died February 10, 1883, married Nathan Woten; (3) Hugh, born April 8, 1829, died August 8, 1900, married Sarah Lehmer; (4) William, born May 19, 1831, died September 13, 1910, married Catherine Caster; (5) John, born November 21, 1833, died August 1, 1890, married Catherine Davis; (6) Francis Marion, born April 9, 1836, died July 24, 1925, married Susan Keck; (7) Fidelia Ann, born September 24, 1839, died January 20, 1924, married Alexander Hutchins; (8) Rebecca, born December 10, 1841, married William Stretsberry; (9) Hannah, born April 2, 1844, died May 5, 1845; (10) Wiley, born December 4, 1846, died at battle of Franklin, Tennessee, age 16; (11) Henry, born July 4, 1850, died January 1, 1853.

Francis Marion McLaughlin was born April 9, 1836, in Kosciosko County, Indiana. He came to Jay County in October 1837. He was born the same year Jay County was organized and came to the county the same year Portland was laid out. He saw it changed from a vast wilderness. He told of his father shooting a wolf near the house and of the Indians living there. One Indian took a liking to the "white papoose" and taught him some Indian words. When his sister, Jane, was married she worked hard for 50¢ a week to buy six yards of calico at 37½¢ per yard for her wedding dress. They had many hardships; he was thirteen years old before he had shoes. Many a morning they had to grate meal on a piece of tin with holes made by a nail before their large family could have breakfast. Frank (as he was called) served in the Civil War with his brothers, William, John and Wiley. He left the service in 1863. Miss Susan Keck (born November 16, 1840, Bath County, Virginia), a Liber graduate, was boarding with his mother and teaching the village school and on October 18, 1863, they were married. Frank had $60 which bought them a stove and a few other things including six chairs and Susan traded her watch for a set of dishes. They moved to Portland and lived in a house where the library is now. In 1871 he was elected recorder of Jay County and served two four-year terms. In 1878 he built a home just south of the railroad on Blaine Pike where the family lived many years. It was torn down in 1976. He and his son, Charles and George, were abstracters, real estate, loan and insurance agents for many years.

To this union were born six children: (1) Charles W., born July 27, 1865, died 1939, married Vone Grant; (2) George E., born September 8, 1868, died March 21, 1922, married Mary Berkheimer; (3) Jessie May, born October 29, 1871, died November 1935, married William Reinhard; (4) Orville C., born March 6, 1879, died June 1923, married Alice

Jellison; (5) Lulu Grace, born October 16, 1880, died April 6, 1966, married Albert Dunwoody; (6) Edith K., born May 10, 1885, died November 23, 1918, married Arch Lee.

My parents were Albert and Lulu Grace (McLaughlin) Dunwoody. I was born April 17, 1906 and I have one daughter, Naida Longley, born November 11, 1925, three grandchildren, Donna (Brown) Ahrens, Craig Brown, and Susan (Brown) Ryan, and four great-grandchildren.

Other direct descendants of this line are: (1) Mrs. Fred Hull (Virginia Reinhard), daughter of William and Jessie May (McLaughlin) Reinhard; (2) Francis M. McLaughlin, Jr., San Antonio, Texas; (3) John Ralph McLaughlin, Sarasota, Florida, sons of George E. McLaughlin; (4) Charles Lee, DeMotte, Indiana; (5) William Lee, Crown Point, Indiana, sons of Arch and Edith (McLaughlin) Lee, later adopted by a family named Groet. *Submitted by Norma McFarland, Mrs. Andy McFarland.*

McMillan

Donald K. McMillan of Noble Township was born, the youngest son of James Ralph and Zula Malinda Fennig McMillan, on the McMillan Homestead in Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio.

His great, great grandparents, Thomas and Elizabeth Moore McMillan emigrated from County Antrim, Ireland. His great grandparents, Thomas Jr. and Mary Curry McMillan, came to Washington Twp., Mercer County, Ohio and purchased land on which succeding generations have reared their children. The McMillan Homestead has been in the family for well over a hundred and thirty-five years. Don attended the Washington Twp. Elementary School and graduated from Celina High School in Mercer County.

Don married Evelyn Staudt, daughter of Leonard and Beulah Thomas Staudt of Montezuma, Ohio. Evelyn attended Montezuma Elementary School and graduated from Celina High School.

In 1955 Don and Evelyn built a new home on land which he farmed formerly owned by his great grandparents, Enos and Ellen Beeler located in Noble Township. He also owns 80 acres which he farms in Wabash Township, which his great-great-great grandparents, William and Ellen Hamilton. bought in 1831. Their family consist of three children.

Diane graduated from Portland High School and Ball State University. She is currently teaching and coaching in the Fort Recovery, Ohio School System. Diane married Kevin McClung a graduate of Portland High School and Ball State University. Kevin is teaching and coaching in the South Adams High School.

Gary graduated from Jay County High School and Lincoln Tech. of Indianapolis, Ind. He is currently employed as a mechanic at Wabash Garage, Wabash, Ohio.

Randy, the youngest child, graduated from Jay County High School and is currently employed in Denton, Texas.

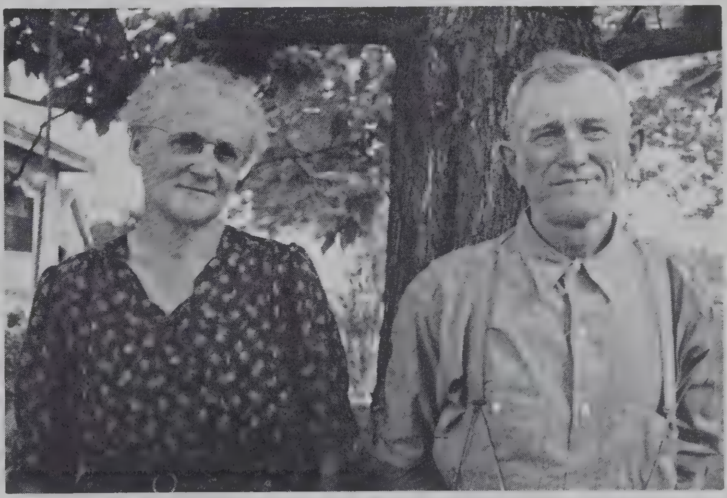
Don, besided farming, has been employed at Reynolds and Reynolds, Celina, Ohio for the past 25 years. *Submitted by Mrs. Don McMillan.*

McWhorter

Glee Marie Avey, born December 28, 1912, the second child of Taylor and Katie Michael Avey, married January 9, 1932, Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Jacob Lance McWhorter of Norris, Pickens County, South Carolina. We lived in Massachussetts for a while then returned to Fort Wayne, Ind. where we still live. Lance spent most of his working years in merchandising with Sears and is retired from that company. Glee spent her time as a homemaker. We have one child, Barbara, born November 5, 1935, Holyoke, Massachussetts and is a physician. Her specialty is psychiatry.

Barbara McWhorter married January 26, 1957, Fort Wayne, Indiana to Richard W. Larson of New York City, N.Y. Richard, born May 4, 1931, New York City, died September 9, 1957, Indianapolis, Ind., and is buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Later, Barbara remarried June 3, 1961, Fort Wayne, Ind. to Jame Stillwell of Indianapolis, Ind. James, born May 5, 1934 and is an attorney. James and Barbara are living in Indianapolis and have three children: Suzanne Harriet, born May 2, 1962; Joseph Andrew, born December 20, 1963; and Carl Jacob, born March 5, 1967. (See Taylor Avey family also.) *Submitted by Glee Marie (Avey) McWhorter.*



Taylor and Katie Avey

James G. Meeker

James Gordon Meeker was born September 25, 1910 in Portland, Indiana, son of Fred E. Meeker (1879-1961) and Grace (Ware) Meeker (1882-1968). His parents were lifelong residents of Portland. Their history is recorded in Jay's 1922 History of Jay County, with ancestors among the early settlers of Jay County.

He was graduated from Portland High School in 1928, and attended Indiana University, through the stock market crash of 1929 and the great depression of the thirties. He was graduated from Indiana Law School in 1934 and returned to Portland to enter the law practice after passing the first of Indiana's State Bar examinations.

He was appointed city attorney in 1935 by Mayor Luther

Hammitt, and served in that office and on the Board of Public Works & Safety until 1944. He entered the Navy in WWII, served in Japan until 1946, and was discharged as a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserve.

He was married to Mary Catherine McCoy, daughter of John W. and Emma Jane (Toumey) McCoy on July 2, 1937 at Portland. They had two children, Richard Jay, born May 2, 1938, and Mary Grace, born September 15, 1959. Richard was graduated from Portland High School in 1956 and DePauw University in 1960. He married Allison Dunn of Denver, Colorado on August 28, 1970. They have two children, Michelle, born May 25, 1971 and Andrew, born February 12, 1973. Richard is a real estate developer and the family resides in Aspen, Colorado. Mary Grace was graduated from Jay County High School in 1977 and from DePauw University in 1981. She lives in Rogers Park, a suburb of North Chicago, Illinois, and is with the brokerage firm of Merrill-Lynch in Evanston, Illinois.

Following his return from military service in 1946, Gordon left the law practice to become Vice President of Sales of Portland Forge, Inc. (now Teledyne Portland Forge), and he served in that capacity until retirement in December 1977.

He has been a life-long member of the Republican Party and has been cited on numerous occasions for distinquished and valuable service and achievement in community and public affairs. He helped organize and promote a county-wide effort for the building of the Jay County High School, the Jay County Hospital, and currently serves as President of the Portland Municipal Airport Commission, which will dedicate its new airport in June of 1982.

He and Catherine have long been active and involved members of the First Presbyterian Church. She has been a member of the choir and is a member of the Board of Elders, and he taught an adult Sunday School class for over 20 years. He is a past president of Presbytery, Synod, and State Councils of Presbyterian Men.

He was an organizer and a life-long director of the Jay County Boys Club, past president of the Portland Rotary Club and current president of the Portland Rotary Foundation. He is an avid golfer and has been a country club board member for over three decades. He was commissioned as an honorary Kentucky Colonel in 1973, and has been an active member and officer of many local fraternal, commercial, and benevolent organizations.

In 1976, he was recipient of the Historical Societies' Century Farm Award for continuous family ownership of a Pike Township farm since October 10, 1836. This was the year that the City of Portland was incorporated.

The Meekers live in a home that they built in 1949, at 1333 South Meridian Street in Portland. *Submitted by J. Gordon Meeker.*

Mendenhall

Amanda May Judy was born September 12, 1877 in Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana. Her parents, Godfey Judy and Mary Brindle, were of Swiss and German descent.

Godfrey Judy and his wife came to Jay County from Fairfield County, Ohio prior to 1860 along with Godfrey's two sisters, Anna Bonn and Elizabeth Smith, wife of Adam Smith and their father Frederick Judy. Just a few years later Peter Judy and his family came from Fairfield County, Ohio and settled in Bearcreek Township, Jay County, Indiana.

Amanda was the sixth child in a family of nine children that were educated in the county school districts. When a very small child, Amanda's folks moved to Pike Township where the family farmed.

John Mendenhall and Amanda May Judy were married September 19, 1896 in Jay County, Indiana. John Mendenhall was born May 1866 in Jay County, Jefferson Township to Jesse and Phoebe Mendenhall.

Their son Russel L. was born in November in 1897 while the family was living in Jay County in Richland Township. Later the family resided on Meridan Street in the town of Dunkirk. In 1913 this family lived in Red Key, Indiana.

Russel L. Mendenhall died in 1939 and is buried in the Brock Cemetery in Darke County, Ohio. His son Russell Mendenhall lives in Union City, Indiana and is in the construction business.

Grandchildren of John and Amanda Judy Mendenhall reside in Randolph County, Jay County and Adams County, Indiana. *Submitted by Russell Mendenhall.*

Christian Messner Family

Christian Messner, born in Wurtenburg, Germany in 1833. Date of arrival in America unknown. He served in the Union Army from Oct. 21, 1862 until mustered out in 1865 from Co. I Fifth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He moved his family from Cincinnati, Ohio to Jay County, Ind. in 1864 where he settled in the Salamonia area. He served on the Salamonia school board from 1878 to 1881. He and his wife, Catherine, were members of the Salamonia Lutheran Church which at that time stood on the Lou Gimble blacksmith shop location. He and his family later moved to Portland where he was engaged in barrel making. His two daughters, Emma and Mary resided at the original location until their deaths.

Children: Frederick, born 1856 in Cincinnati, Ohio, married Amanda Freemeyer. Lived in Salamonia. He operated a shoe and boot making business. Leather for them came from Fort Recovery where he would walk to buy it. He frequently extended credit to the farmers who would pay when their crops came in and often in trade. He later opened a general store offering the only sale and repair of shoes and boots in the area. He also operated an egg and poultry business, shipping to New York from the old freight train yard in Portland. Upon retirement, his son, Russell, took over the business until his retirement in 1939.

Children: Gertrude m. George Leonhard, farmed in Jay County; Ruth m. Carrol Weaver, lived in Ft. Wayne; Sharon; Helen m. Ralph Reynolds, live in Ft. Wayne; Roger; Harold Lee. Russell m. Addie Bartling; Mildred m. Herman Klingel, live in Jay Co.; Charles; Donald; Susan; Kathryn m. Edwin S. Lewis, live in Jay Co.; William moved to Mo. from Geneva, Ind.; Louise m. L. Collings, moved to Detroit, Mich.; Karl Louis moved to Nebraska; George moved to Bellefontaine, Ohio; Emma never married, remained in Portland, Ind., worked at Weiler store for 50 years. Member of Zion Lutheran Church; Mary never married, remained in Portland; Tina m. Ben Baughman, moved to Ansonia, Ohio. Children: Eleanor and Mary.

Fred Messner

Fred Messner (born 7-24-1856, died 3-1-1943) in the year 1878, married Amanda Freemyer (born 2-6-1862, died 1945). They lived in Salamonia, Indiana where they owned and operated a general store. They were the parents of two children, Gertrude and Russell.

Gertrude Messner (born 1879, died 1966) married George Leonhard in 1902 and to this union were born two daughters, Ruth and Helen.

Helen Leonhard, born in 1912, married Ralph H. Reynolds in 1934. They have two sons, Harold and Roger. Harold Reynolds was born in 1936 and married Kathryn Ann Bigelow in 1955. They have children, David and Lori Reynolds (adopted). Roger Reynolds, born in 1937, married Carol Flesher in 1961. They have Michael, Matthew and Angela (adopted).

Russell Messner, (born 10-18-1884, died 2-13-1962), on October 16, 1907, married Addie Bartling (born 10-21-1885, died 5-10-1971) and they were the parents of two daughters, Mildred and Katherine.

Mildred, born July 24, 1908, became the wife of Herman Klingel, who was born September 19, 1903, on October 16, 1932 and their children are: Charles, Donald and Susan. Charles married Glenna Ellis Applegate and they have no children. Donald married Laurie Stocksdale and their children are Wannetta, Jeff, Sherry and Becky. Susan is unmarried.

Katherine Messner married Edwin S. Lewis and they have no children.

A history of the parents of Amanda (Freemyer) Messner (Joseph L. and Mary (Elder) Freemyer) along with a family picture may be found elsewhere in this book.

Peter Metz Family

In my research for the Metz family history, I found that most of them came to America from the Alsace-Lorraine region, which is on the French and German border. France acquired this area in 1776. The Germans did not want to be ruled by France, so this may be about the time many of them came to America. Many of them went to Pennsylvania first, then later to Virginia, Ohio and Indiana.

(A) Peter Metz was a native of Germany, went to Pa. first, finally settled in Va. where he lived until he died. No wife or children were listed. Later I found a son, Peter, born in Pa.

(B) Peter Metz, son of (A) Peter Metz, born in Pa. 3-7-1790, married Susanna Baker, a native of Pa. She was born 9-12-1791 and died 10-8-1857. Peter died 3-7-1861. They are buried at Lawerenceville Community Cemetery, near Springfield, Ohio. Children: Isaac, John, William, Thomas, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Peter. Isaac was born in Pa., John and Benjamin and William, b. in Va., others in Ohio.

(C) Peter Metz, son of Peter and Susanna (Baker) Metz, born 2-4-1832, German Twp., Clark Co., Ohio. He came to Ind. and bought his first farm 1853. He married Nancy Allen, daughter of Ebenezer and Margaret (Fruit) Allen. Nancy died 3-9-1910 and Peter died 11-26-1918. They are buried in Little Salamonie Cemetery. Peter had bought a strip of land, formerly a part of her father's farm to be a burial plot for all of his family. Thirteen children: Ebenezer Allen, Susanna Mary, Thomas Jefferson, Aaron Baker, Xava Grace, infant son, Margaret Elizabeth, Eliza Jane, Nathalia Nevada, Hannah Ruth, twin boys, Walter Peter.

I remember grandfather most of all sitting in front of the big east window or in his favorite chair in front of the old base burner, smoking his cigar, wearing his old cloth house slippers and perhaps with his feet on the old foot stool made out of cloth covered tin cans. He believed that children should be quiet and never venture into another room unless they had permission. I remember only two times when he scolded me. One was when I whistled when I blew on my soup to cool it. He said, "A whistling girl and a crowing hen, will come to some bad end." One was when they were running a cement floor in the old log house. I ran in to show dad my new dress and stepped in the wet cement. Grandpa was not very pleased, but they left my footprints. He liked sardines and told me that I could eat them too, if I would hold my nose. Sometimes he would let me write with his old quill pen or comb his long white beard. He had all kinds of fruit trees, one of which bore three kinds of apples because he had grafted it that way. I remember seeing him with a little basket gathering fall mushrooms or with a little pail of salt to put on the thistles to kill them.

He walked from Springfield, Ohio to Jay County, stopping along the way to buy whiskey to pour in his leather boots to keep his feet from blistering. He cut 50 cords of wood and sold it to make the first payment on his farm. He burned charcoal pits and sold the charcoal to buy his first wagons. He and Nancy were married 1856. She helped him clear some of the land so they could build a log cabin, barn and woodshed. A large frame house was built about 1900.

When grandfather died, he had one of the best set of buildings in the county. The farm was well ditched, fenced with wire or rail fences. There were two good wells with a windmill at one. The house was as well furnished as any in that day and age. He owed no one and left a nice estate to be divided between his children. *Submitted by his granddaughter, Luetta (Metz) Miller.*

Metz

Walter Peter Metz, son of Peter and Nancy (Allen) Metz, born in Jay Co., 4-4-1877, married Clara Frances Trueblood, 8-5-1899. She was born in Randolph Co., Ind. 8-11-1880, daughter of Jonathan J. and Sarah Elizabeth (Bowers) Trueblood. For a while after their marriage, they lived with his parents. Later they moved across the road, where they lived with his uncle Tommy Metz. They bought 38 acres off of the east side of the Peter Metz farm. Bill Gillett was hired to build a house and other buildings. The house was completed about Christmas time 1903, but because the plastering dried so slowly, they could not move in for some time. About 1908, lightening struck the barn and it burned to the ground. When Walter tried to get the horses out of the barn, he was kicked in the chest and fell inside the burning building. Clara rang the dinner bell to summon the neighbors. After many attempts, some of the men were successful in pulling Walter out of the barn. Inhaling too much smoke had done him more harm than the fire. A new barn had to be built. The horses and all of the contents were a total loss. During World War I, when the junk man would come, calling out, "any rags, bones or bottles to sell", we children could also find many iron articles from the barn fire. There were horse shoes, parts off the harness

Peter Metz and daughter, Lib

and many other things.

Walter was a farmer all of his life. He worked for his father for $25 a month to pay for the 38 acres. After his father's death, 36 acres was purchased from the old homestead.

For many years they raised and showed Jersey cattle. They sold milk and cream at the grocery stores. Clara made butter and cottage cheese and delivered to many homes in Portland. Another source of income was the apples, cider and apple butter from a large orchard.

Walter died from a heart attack, 9-11-1944. He had gone to the cornfield with his team and wagon, to shuck corn. His body was found several hours later by a neighbor, who had seen the horses running in circles and the dog running back and forth to the house. The horses had not run over his body.

After Walter's death, Clara continued to live on the farm. She was small but mighty and could do almost anything. No one could bake bread as good as hers. She worked for many years in some of the prominent homes in Portland. A few years before her death, she broke her hip. After that she lived with her children and in a Nursing Home. She was a member of the West Walnut Church of Christ. She died 8-8-1971. They are buried at Little Salamonie Cemetery in the Metz family plot.

Six children: Dumont J., Edward Leroy, Luetta Elizabeth, Ethel Elnora, Mary Maxine, Peter Walter.

Dumont J. was born 5-4-1901. He died 8-17-1901.

Edward Leroy was born 5-30-1905, married Addie Drill, 1-19-1924. She was born at Wabash, Ind. 6-13-1903, daughter of Arthur and Mary Belle (Yeazel) Drill. Leroy worked on dairy farms many years. He owned a Health Food Store in West Va. He died 8-21-1981. He is buried at Little Salamonie. Addie is in the Country Manor Nursing Home, Dunkirk, Ind.

Three children: Dorothy Helen, born 9-3-1924, married Robert Nanson. They live in St. Albans, W. Va., five children; Frances Maxine, born 4-6-1926, married Ivan Glen Cash. They live in Pennville. Two children; James Leroy, born 9-29-1928, married and lives in Ca. Two children.

Luetta Elizabeth, born 1-23-1908, married (1) Ralph Hummel, 1932, who died 1955. Married (2) Wayne Miller 1959, son of Jacob and Mary May (Campbell) Miller. Wayne worked with his father in the oil field, farmed and worked several years as a heavy equipment operator on the Co. highway. Luetta is a graduate of Ball Univ., was an elem. teacher for 18 years, is a member of the W. Walnut St. Church of Christ—Retired Teachers and Past Matron of O.E.S. hobby of weaving has become almost a business, with articles in most of the states and several foreign countries.

Mary Maxine Metz, born 3-7-1918, married (1) Clifford Simons 1935. He was the son of Charles and Mary (Laisure) Simons. He was a farmer and teacher. He died 7-10-67. Four children: Clifford Gene, born 5-28-1936, married (1) Oneida Greer. Four children: Gina, who married Joe DeBolt, Joni, Dana, Ryan. Married (2) Lynn Zimmerman, three step-children: Amy, Noel, Nathan. They live in Lake Geneva, Wis.; Laurence Edward, born 11-6-1937, married Patricia Culver, 1966. Two children: Mylisse Deanna, Kevin Dean. They live in Seattle, Wash. He is a designer with Boeing Aircraft; David Wayne, born 2-17-1946, married Jackie McCartie 1967. Two children: Michael David and Jeffery Clifton. He is an engineer with Sta-Rite, Delavan, Wis.; Philip Max, born 11-19-1948, married Karen Martin, 1979. They are both teachers. One child, Brian Martin, born 11-26-1981.

Mary is a Legal Sec., was a court reporter in Jay Co. for 12 years, works in the office of her husband. Her hobbies are sewing and baking beautiful wedding cakes.

She married (2) Burl Whiteman, 1-1-1968. He was born 6-7-1918, son of Olen and Leona (Stuckey) Whiteman. He was Judge of Jay Co. Circuit court for 12 years and now has his own law office. He served in the U.S. Navy 1943-1946. He has two daughters by former marriages: Virginia Louise, born 9-4-1947, married John Fennig 1968. She is a teacher. Three children: Burl Tyler, Joshue Alden, Wesley Leif and Michelle Ann, born 12-25-1956, married Roger Spahr 1978.

Peter Walter Metz, born 5-21-1922, married Gertrude Nelson 6-2-1956. She was born 4-6-1930, daughter of Russel and Nellie (Bricker) Nelson. She has done secretarial work most of her adult life. Peter is a graduate of Ball Univ. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the Korean Conflict as Commander of an LST. He was retired as a full Lt. in 1964. He has been a teacher for several years. They are members of the Methodist Church in Willshire, Ohio, where they live.

Two children: Melanie Dawn, born 5-26-1957, married Ernest V. Swauger 1980. He was born 3-7-1957, son of Ernest and Elizabeth (Gaspar) Swauger. Melanie is a grad. of Miami Univ. She is a teacher of Special Children in Norfolk, Va. Ernest is a grad. of Miami Univ. 1975. He has studied Nuclear Power in the U.S. Navy. He has been assigned to the USS Eisenhower and will sail in Jan. '82; and Tamara Ann, born 6-14-1959. She is a graduate of Moorehead Univ., Moorehead, Ky. She is a medical technician in a Cincinnati Hospital. She lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. *Submitted by Luetta Metz Miller.*

Children of Peter Metz

Susanna Mary Metz, born 4-18-1859, married Eli Bosworth 1880. She died 1936, buried at Little Salamonie Cemetery. (See Bosworth History.) Four children: Gertrude, Esther Beatrice, Ned Harrison, Glen Donald.

Thomas Jefferson Metz, born 8-10-1860, married Sarah Margaret Bickel, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Tharp)

Front row: Mary Bosworth, Elizabeth Metz and Grace Henry. Back row: Ruth Harshman, Thomas Metz, Walter Metz, Jane VanEtten.

Bickel. He was a farmer most of his life. He died 10-16-1931. Margaret died 12-6-1948. They are buried at Little Salamonie. Six children: Vernon Ezra, Hazel Anna, Della Elizabeth, Glicie Leota, Mary Wahneta. Ernest died when just an infant; Vernon, born 3-22-1889, married Nellie Dunmoyer. He was a salesman most of his life. He died 1953. Nellie died 1974. Three children: Millard, Noel, Robert; Hazel, born 11-30-1892, married Charles Stout. They both died in 1974. Four children: unnamed son, died at birth, Harold, LaVaughn, Wayne; Della, born 7-10-1895, unmarried. died 6-13-1917; Glicie, born 7-8-197, unmarried. She worked at the Jay Garment for many years, died 5-26-1979; Wahneta, born 8-5-1900, unmarried, died 3-16-1967. They are all buried at Little Salamonie Cemetery.

Aaron Baker Metz, born 2-14-1862, died 2-20-1862.

Xava Grace Metz, born 4-3-1863, married Robert Henry 1882. She died 3-7-1935. Eight children: Alva, William, Benjamin, Ruth, Nancy, Don, Anna, Maude.

Infant son, born 1865, died same day, unnamed.

Margaret Elizabeth Metz, born 10-22-1867. Aunt Lib, as everyone knew her was a very religious person. She made her home with her father until his death. She helped in homes of different relatives, had a home of her own for a time. She died in the Brethern Home in Mexico, Ind. 7-19-1955.

Eliza Jane Metz, born 5-21-1869, married Edward VanEtten 1891. She died 8-21-1929. She lived most of her married life in Richmond. She was the only child not buried at Little Salamonie. Four children: Peter, Florence, Daniel, Ella Marie.

Nathalie Nevada Metz, born 10-5-1871, married Charles Hammons 1890. She died 10-5-1903, leaving five little girls. Charles had to be both mother and father to them. Five children: Effie May, Lillian Beatrice, Pauline Lucille, Edith Nancy, Letha Gaynell.

Hannah Ruth Metz, born 9-29-1873, married Newton Harshman 1894. (See Harshman history.) Five children: Glenna Ardilla, Harold Guy, Herbert Gardner, Adrian, Daniel Peter.

Twin son, born 3-29-1975, died same day.

Walter Peter Metz.

Other children of Peter Metz

Isaac Metz, son of Peter and Mary Susanna (Baker) Metz, born Aug. 1812, in Pa. He was a farmer. He married Margaret Baker 1840, who was born in Va. 1812. They came to Clark Co., Ohio about 1827. About 1844, they came to Jay Co. where he purchased 64 acres. He died 10-25-1890 and she died 3-19-1818. They are buried in Liber Cemetery. Five children: Sarah J., Elizabeth Ann, Susanna, Cornelius, Margaret M. Sarah Jane married John Wimer 1857; Elizabeth Ann married Samuel Valentine; Susanna married T.J. Journey; Cornelius married (1) Lucretia Ann Wood 1869, married (2) Mary Ellen Johnson 1905; Margaret M. married Wm. J. Hodge 1870.

John Metz, son of Peter and Mary Susanna (Baker) Metz, born in Va. 1814. He came to Clark Co., Ohio 1827, married Margaret Miller 1845. John was a farmer and lived with his father until he was 31 years old. They had 13 children but only 5 lived to be adults. Margaret died 1882 and John died 1892. They are buried in Community Memorial Cemetery, Lawerenceville, Ohio.

Benjamin B. Metz, son of Peter and Mary Susanna (Baker) Metz, born in Va. 1823. He was listed in the Jay County 1850 Census, living in the same household as Isaac and clearing land. He married Susan Spade 1860. She was the daughter of John and Margaret (Farber) Spade. He died 1869 and she died 1873. They are buried at Liber. After their deaths, George Spade was made a guardian for their children. Louisa J., born 1862; Lutetia, born 1863; Maggie, born 1866.

William Metz, son of Peter and Mary Susanna (Baker) Metz, born in Va. 1825, married Amanda Norman. He was a farmer. He came to Jay Co. about 1867 where he purchased 40 acres. He made his will in 1901. Children: Peter C., Henry, William, Aaron, Ottilla, Isaac, Samuel, Thomas, Mary Jane, Ellenora.

Elizabeth Metz, daughter of Peter and Mary Susanna (Baker) Metz, born 9-8-1827, German Twp., Clark Co., Ohio, married Samuel Baker 1847. She died 1856, buried at Lawerenceville Community Cem. near Springfield. A son, Aaron, born 1855 and died 1861 is buried next to her.

Thomas Metz, son of Peter and Mary Susanna (Baker) Metz, born 1829, Clark Co., Ohio, came to Jay Co. sometime before 1882. He never married. He died in 1911 at the home of his niece, Ruth Harshman, buried at Little Salamonie Cemetery.

Peter Metz, son of Peter and Mary Susanna (Baker) Metz. (See previous page for more information.) *Submitted by Luetta Metz Miller.*

Charles W. Metzger

Margaret Lucretia (Maggie) Kinsey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Kinsey, was born February 16, 1881. She married Charles W. Metzger on August 10, 1899. Charles Metzger was engaged in the ditching business. They were the parents of nine children: Lena C. (Mrs. Basil Hathaway); William E.; Bernice (Mrs. Robert Boles); Ada R. (Mrs. Harry Liggett); Mabel (Mrs. W. Puryl Denney); Edith (Mrs. Ralph Sibery); Henry David; Mary Margaret (Mrs. Herbert King); and Anna (Mrs. Robert Weimer). They lived east of Boundary, and later near Deerfield, and attended the Deerfield Methodist Church. *Submitted by Kay Miller Fausler.*

Michael Family

Lewis Michael of German descent was born in 1825 in Ohio. He married Viola Harter in 1846. They had four children: John, William, Sidney, and Abel.

William married Elizabeth Phillipi of Darke Co., Ohio in 1876. They had four children: Ladema, Ida May, infant son, and Frank. In 1882 the family moved to Bearcreek Township in Jay County. Here two more children were born, Katie and Leota.

The infant son is buried in the Bloomfield Cemetery in Bearcreek Township. The other five children and their spouses are buried in the Gravel Hill Cemetery, Jackson Township, Jay Co.

Frank married Carrie Houser July 9, 1905. They lived in Bearcreek Twp. and had six children. Virgil (1907) died as an infant, Francis (1909), Ronald (1911), Fern (1913), and Donald (1917).

Francis (d) married Robert Gillespie (d). Robert serrved as a member of the staff of General Dwight Eisenhower. They had a son Robert Earl (1950). He is currently living in Portland.

Ronald (d) married Alta Steiner (d).

Fern married Gerald Jack. They are living in Chatsworth, California. They have three sons: Norman, Neal, and Bob.

Mary married John Carson (d) and had one child John D. She married Pete Clouse (d) and had one son Mike. She remarried Charles Kirkpatrick. They are living near Albian, Indiana.

Donald married Jesteene Walter and had four sons: Dwight, Dwain, Doren and Don.

Dwight married Patti Timmons in 1966 and they have three children: Matthew, Melissa, and Nathanael. They are living in Geneva, Indiana.

Dwain married Sharon (Sherry) Davidson in 1970. They have three children: Shannon, Maranda, and Andrew. They are living on a farm in Bearcreek Township.

Doren is serving in the United States Navy. He has the rank of Ensign. He is stationed in San Diego.

Don is currently a senior at Indiana University.

Adam Miller Family

Adam Miller's parents were Henry and Margaret (Stolz) Miller. Henry was born in Paterspach, Germany. He was told to "go west young man so you don't have to serve in the army." He danced and sang his way here, landed in New Orleans, Louisana, and then hitch-hiked to Ft. Recovery, Ohio. His future fiancee lived in Jay County. They were married and had five sons: Fred, George, Adam, Charles, and William Henry.

Adam Miller was born July 4, 1873 in Jay County, Noble Township. He married Sarah Belle Nickerson on December 24, 1896. She was born in Mercer County near Fort Recovery, Ohio, the daughter of Josephus E. Nickerson and Nancy Jane McDowell. They had six living children: Joseph Elwood, born December 24, 1897, a school teacher and also a commander of 33rd Infantry in W.W. I who died in July 1920; Margaret Irene, born December 14, 1899; Florence Loretta, born July 16, 1901; Leona Salome, born June 8, 1904; Elizabeth Madyln, born November 24, 1906 and Herbert Henry, born September 7, 1913.

Margaret Irene Miller married Charles Everett Myers December 23, 1922. They became the parents of Alice Kathryn, born September 23, 1923. She married Wayne Kenneth Crawford December 6, 1942 and became the parents of Kenneth Wayne, married to Patricia Quinn, parents of Robert and Julie; Margaret Ann married to James Lockwood, parents of Mark; Sandra Kaye married to John Lockwood and parents of Scott and Michael; and one deceased son, Charles. Margaret's other living daughter is Ruth Irene, born October 24, 1927. She married Homer Lewis Smeltzer, March 16, 1924. He died December 16, 1972. They had two children: Rebecca Anne, now married to Donald Hutsell and parents of Tamara and Derek; and Steven who lives in Fort Wayne. Charles Meyers died in 1952 and Margaret resides in Fort Wayne with her daughter Ruth.

Florence Loretta Miller married Marion Denver Comer March 26, 1921. They are the parents of: Marion Adam Comer who married Dorothy Lapshire and became parents of Marion Eugene and Kathleen Ann; Norma Eulane who married Paul Herron and are the parents of Sarah Jane married to Stanley Elwood Smith who are living in Alaska with their children Paul and Gretchen; Lydia; David, married to Debra Herrendean and the parents of Cami Lyn; Mary Lynn; and James Herron. Comer's other children are Joseph Herbert who married Helen Harvill and the parents of Todd Glen and Brad Allan and Helen Elizabeth Comer who married Lowell Huntsinger and the parents of Kelly Lyn and John Adam. One daughter of Comer's is deceased. Florence and Denver live in Ft. Wayne.

Leona Salome married Thurman A. Hisey April 6, 1928. Leona was an elementary teacher in Jay County for 27 years. Their children include Thurman Grant married to Elizabeth Zimmerman with one daughter Carol Jane and Richard Lee married to Kay Kinder. They have two daughters, Cathy Lynn and Amy Lou married to William George. Leona died March 14, 1970 and Thurman died in January 1980.

Elizabeth Madyln married Floyd Cook November 24, 1931. They had six children: Harold, Stanley, Bob, Ginger, Norman, and one daughter deceased. Elizabeth died July 26, 1960 and Floyd is also deceased.

Herbert Henry Miller, a farmer, married Ruby Van Clinger. Herbert died in January 1972. Ruby still resides on their farm near New Cordyn.

Adam Miller spent his later years as a night taxi dispatcher in Portland. Sarah had died in April 1937 and Adam died in August 1959. *Submitted by Elizabeth Hisey.*

Alfred Miller

Alfred Miller (1882-1945), the son of George and Charlotte (Young) Miller, was born at Petersburg, Alsace-Lorraine, Germany. He left Havre, France on a ship and arrived at New York City, July 9, 1904. He came to Noble Township where he lived with the Henry Miller family. He became a naturalized citizen of the U.S.A. on Feb. 28, 1906.

On March 23, 1912 he married Dora (Eldora) Teeters (1879-), the eldest daughter of Hiram and Sarah (Houdeshell) Teeters. Her paternal grandparents were John Hart and Margaret (Davis) Teeters. John H. Teeters served with Company E of the 53rd Indiana Infantry for about eighteen months during the Civil War. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Staufell) Houdeshell.

Her great-grandfather was David Teeters, who settled on a tract of government land in Jay County in the early pioneer days. Dora Miller is still living at the age of 102.

After their marriage Alfred and Dora Miller moved to Mercer County, Ohio. In 1918 or 1919 they moved to Noble Township, where Alfred farmed until his death. They were the parents of three children: a son who died in infancy; Madonna, a teacher in the Jay County schools; and B. Glenn Miller (1919-1972). Glenn married Lois Eaton, the daughter of Roy and Mattie Eaton of Casper, Wyoming. Glenn was a master-sergeant in the Air Force during World War II. He worked for 25 years as a laboratory technican for the Texas Refinery in Casper, Wyoming. Glenn and Lois Miller were the parents of Mary Lynn and Nancy Miller. Mary Lynn has an adopted son, Christian Miller and teaches in Casper, Wyo. Nancy Miller married Douglas Allen. They are both teachers in Medicine Bow, Wyo. *Submitted by Madonna Miller.*

The Charles Miller Family

Grace Edna Bennett (born August 17, 1878, died April 1, 1963) came to Noble Twp., Jay Co. from Union County, Indiana in 1898 with her parents, Joseph and Emma (Holmes) Bennett. She had two sisters, Minnie and Margaret and one brother, Roy.

On October 2, 1901 she was married to Charles Miller (born January 27, 1876, died July 17, 1938). Charles was the fourth child of Henry and Margaret (Stolz) Miller and was a Noble Twp. farmer.

Mabel Loucile Miller, eldest child of Charles and Grace, married Leo Daniel Norris on July 31, 1926. Mabel has lived most of her life on the family farm in Noble Twp. They are retired farmers. They have three living children: Ethelyn LaVonne, Alva Lowell and Dorwin Wayne. The second son, Leland, died as a small child.

Ethelyn married Joe B. Glentzer. They and their daughter, Margaret Elizabeth "Meg" live in Green Twp., Jay Co. and are farmers. Margaret is a student at Ball State University, and is the sixth generation owner of the only portion of the original farm in Noble Twp. that was purchased by Nicholas Stolz in 1846. Her farm is registered with the state of Indiana as a century farm.

Lowell and his wife Jeanne (Jacobus) live in Downers Grove, Illinois, where he is a project engineer with International Harvester. They have two sons: Kevin Lowell, a graduate of Southern Methodist University and Timothy Allen, a student of Northern Illinois University.

Wayne and Bonnie (Smith) live in Tucson, Arizona with their two young daughters, Julia Ann and Elizabeth Ann. Wayne is a CLU with his own agency in Tucson.

Kenneth Lowell Miller is the youngest child of Charles and Grace (Bennett) Miller. He married Juanita Ayres on September 21, 1937. They lived in Indianapolis for 25 years where he was a mortician and for the past 15 years in Ft. Wayne, Ind. where he continues his profession.

They are the parents of Sara Ann who is married to Robert Montgomery, a grocer. They live in Danville, Ind. Sara and Robert have two children: Nancy Ann, a florist in Indianapolis and Kenneth Robert, a student of Purdue University. *Submitted by Ethelyn Glentzer.*

Miller

Charles Bennett (Ben) Miller and Hazel Edith McAfee were united in marriage on January 23, 1932 at Saratoga, Indiana by Rev. George Vanderburg.

Hazel is the third child of Charles and Sarah (Wiley) McAfee. Hazel was born in Mercer County, Ohio on January 20, 1909 and moved to Jay County when she was a small child.

Charles Bennett (Ben) Miller is the third child of Charles and Grace (Bennett) Miller. Bennett was born in Noble Township, Jay County on November 17, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller lived in Jay County all their lives except during World War II, where they lived in Hoagland, Indiana. Mr. Miller worked at a defense plant. At the end of the war they moved to their farm in Jay County, where they now reside. Mr. Miller is a farmer and drove a school bus for Noble Township school for 20 years. They are members of the United Methodist church in Bellefountaine, Indiana. They had six children.

Roberta Jean Miller, who resides in Fort Wayne and is employeed by Inland Chemical Corporation.

Marilyn Maxine Moon, who lives near Leo, Indiana. She married Richard (Dick) Moon of Marion, Indiana. They have two daughters, Candy Ann and Cathy Kay.

Richard Noel Miller, who lives in Churubusco, Indiana. He is an employee of Dana Corp. of Fort Wayne. He married Connie Miller and they have one daughter, Susan Marie.

Phillip Allen Miller, born January 6, 1947 to October 5, 1975. Phillip was a veteran of the Vietnam War where he served with the United States Navy as a Sea Bee for four years. He was employed by the Jay County Highway Department.

Donald Leon Miller, who lives near Daleville, Indiana. He is an engineering graduate of General Motors Institute of Flint, Michigan and is employed at Delco Remy Division, Anderson, Indiana. He married Karen Kay Williams and has one child, Jason Charles.

Jon Charles Miller, who lives in Bellefountaine and is employed by Hartzell Propeller Fan Co. He married Cynthia Bothast who is employed at the Jay County Retirement Center. *Submitted by Charles B. Hazel Miller.*

Clarence E. Miller Family

Clarence Edgar Miller, born in Wayne Township September 25, 1912, and Thelma Lucille Chipman, born January 10, 1915 at Balbec, started their married life June 11, 1939.

Clarence, the eldest son of Parley and Emma (Kerns) Miller, has two brothers, Orville and Cecil and a sister Lettie (Miller) Ridgway. He attended Hanlin, Mt. Zion, and Center one room schools, then graduated from Pennville in 1932.

Thelma, the eldest daughter of Ottis and Ethel (Paxson) Chipman has a sister Dorothy (Chipman) Steed. Ottis, of English extraction, told of thrilling childhood experiences when his parents traveled west in a covered wagon, lived in dugouts and tents, saw great western longhorn herds, and met curious but friendly Indians.

Thelma attended Pennville School, graduated in 1933, at-

Curt, Ruth, Jennifer and Lewis Heffelmire with Thelma and Clarence Miller.

tended Ball State two years, then returned to teach eight years at Pennville.

The first seven years of married life the Millers lived on a farm west of Pennville, in the Godfrey Reserve of Blackford County and were members of the Gilead Church, Clarence being Sunday School Superintendent and his wife pianist.

Then they moved to Sam Lare's farm near Liber, where they lived about six years before buying their 120 farm northwest of Bryant on road 135, bordered by Jay-Adams County Line on the north; where they moved in 1952 and still live.

Their daughter Ruth was born April 2, 1952. Ruth attended and graduated from the Bryant School in 1970, attended Ball State University, worked at Caylor Nickel Hospital and married Lewis Heffelmire November 18, 1972. To this union were born Curt Heffelmire September 11, 1973 and Jennifer Heffelmire June 4, 1976. They live first house on east side of road 75 just off of 18. Ruth is a Unit Secretary at the Jay County Hospital and Lewis is a farmer.

After moving to their home near Bryant, the Millers attended the Geneva High Street Methodist Church, Clarence serving as trustee and Mrs. Miller as Primary Teacher. Since Ruth wished to attend church with her school friends, later they became members of the Bryant Wesleyan Church.

Clarence has been a life long farmer and worked eight years during pack at the Geneva Canning Factory. When Ruth was in sixth grade, Thelma returned to teaching at Bryant School. She then completed her B.S. Degree in 1967 by taking a Science in Distant Areas Course in Alaska (from Ball State University). She completed her Masters in 1970 while teaching at Bloomfield Elementary School. After twenty-four years of teaching, she retired in 1979.

Besides church activities they are both members of the Gideons International, Clarence having served as Bible Secretary and Treasurer, and Thelma as local Auxiliary Chaplain, State Auxiliary Chaplain and local Auxiliary President. Clarence is also a member of the Optimist Club, and Mrs. Miller belongs to the Happy Hour Extension Club, the Pi Lambda Theta National Honorary and the Jay County Retired Teachers Association of which she is Vice President. *Submitted by Mrs. Clarence Miller.*

D. Floyd Miller

David Floyd Miller, born April 17, 1908, is the son of John G. and Abigail M. Kinsey Miller. He married Ruth Cecelia Albright on February 9, 1942. An employee of Shellers, they lived in Leo, Indiana for several years. They were members of the Moose Lodge.

Ruth Miller died January 27, 1967 at Bluffton, Indiana. She is buried in Green Park Cemetery, Portland, Floyd Miller has lived in Portland since his retirement from Shellers.

George Miller Family

George Miller (1870-1935) was the second son of Henry and Margaret (Stolz) Miller. He was born in Jay County and farmed with his parents and brothers. George received 40 acres from his father and bought another 40 acres next to his land.

George Miller married Marietta L. Hearn in 1893. They had four sons: Galen (1894-1973), William Hobart (1896-1967), Milo (1906-1979), and Darwin (1902-1903). They lived west of the Mt. Zion Church and attended services there.

Galen married Mary Haley, the daughter of Eli and Cora Haley. They had two children, Mildred and Elvin. Mildred married Harold Reeves and they were the parents of three daughters: Jean, Mary Alice, and Judith Ann. Jean married Allen Hayes and they are the parents of James and John. Mary Alice married James Austin and they are the parents of Jeannine. Judith Ann married Ned Emshviller and their children are Jennifer and Lisa. After the death of Harold Reeves, Mildred married Rollin Lounsburg. Elvin Miller married Teresa Roper and their children are Cathy, Carol, and Mark. Elvin is a minister in the United Methodist Church.

William Hobart married Mary Helen Grile, the daughter of Adam Grile. They had three children: Vada, Paul Everett, and Hobart Merle. Vada married Dallas Glassburn. Their children are Margaret, Dallas, E., Lester, and Terry. Margaret married Darwin Collings. Dallas E. married Carol Brock and their children are Chris and Payla. Lester married Jean Parker and their children are Scott and Robin. Terry married Genny Nishekimoto and they have one child Kevin. Paul Everett married Vivian Myers. Their children are Donna Gene and Jerry D. Donna Gene married Roe Lehman and their children are Todd and Tandy. Jerry D. married Karen Whittenbarger and their children are Teresa, Tony, and Angela. Paul Everett is now married to Evelyn Shields. Hobart Merle (1920-1954) married Martha Imogene Pyle and their children were Janet Kay, Judith, and Jacqueline. Janet Kay married Ralph Conley and their children are Ralph, Christopher, Elizabeth, and Douglas. Judith married James Wheeler. Jacqueline married Joe Demerly and their children are Jerilyn and Jason.

Milo M. Miller married Marie Louise James, the daughter of Wesley and Maude James. Mrs. Miller lives in Portland. Their children are Robert, Lewis, Betty, and Milo, Jr. Robert married Ruth Stout and their children are Sandra and Kay. Sandra married Don McGraw and they have a son, Jason. Lewis married Mary Nuckols and their children are Debbie, John, and David. Debbie is married to Robert Collins and she has a daughter Heather Petschke, Betty married

Donald Eugene Reynolds and their children are Ronnie, Donna, and Kelli. Donna is married to Bob Snow and their daughter Aaron Marie is deceased. Ronnie is married to Teresa Clark and they have a daughter, Randa. Milo, Jr. married Carole Bubp. Their children are Lori, Christopher, and Matthew (1966-1976). *Submitted by Donna Gene Lehman.*

G. Paul Miller

Gerald Paul Miller was born December 7, 1896, the son of Abigail M. Kinsey Miller and stepson of John G. Miller. Paul Miller married Nettie Pearl Whitesell on December 7, 1915. They were the parents of six sons: Wendell DeLoyd (married Virginia Bell Reynolds), Francis Winfred "Woody" (Emma Margaret Clay), Warren Willard (Ruth Josephine Anderson), Howard Elston (Betty Mae Millikan), John William (Georgia J. Crevoiser), and Gerald Wayne (Frances Mae Pittenger). A daughter, Charlotte Pearl, died in infancy.

Paul and Pearl Miller were residents of Jay and Delaware counties. Paul Miller was one time a bus driver in Muncie, and retired from Delco-Remy in Anderson. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

All six sons served their country in World War II. Wendel, Woody, Warren, Howard, and John were in the Army overseas, Gerald Wayne was in the Navy.

Paul Miller died June 11, 1970, Pearl Miller died October 27, 1974. Their eldest son Wendell preceded them in death on October 22, 1969. *Submitted by Kay Miller Fansler.*

Henry Miller

Henry Miller (Muller) was born in France, Feb. 16, 1842, the son of Henry and Margaret (Schneider) Miller. With his parents and two brothers he came to America on the ship Jeanne Alice, arriving at New Orleans in 1865. He came to Indiana in 1867 and became a naturalized citizen Feb. 20, 1868.

Mr. Miller married Margaret Stolz, the daughter of Nicholas and Salome Stolz, Aug. 26, 1867. Margaret was born March 26, 1840 in France. Her family left Havre, France June 26, 1846 arriving at New York Aug. 11, 1846 on the sailing ship, Elizabeth Bruce. After reaching New York they traveled by rail, canalboat, flatboat, steamboat, and wagon before reaching Jay County. On Nov. 16, 1846 the Stolz family bought 159 acres in Noble Township (NE¼ of Sec. 8, Twp. 23 of Range 15 from Martin and Rachel Rhine. The Stolz family were naturalized April 19, 1853.

In 1884 Henry Miller bought the farm from the heirs of Nicholas Stolz. The family lived in a brick house until 1902 when they built a two-story frame house. One of the interesting features of the house was a cement trough in the cellar through which water from a spring would flow to keep milk and other foods cool.

A spring fed a large pond. Large carp lived in the pond. When there were visitors, Mr. Miller would often take loaves of bread to feed the fish. While the visitors watched, the fish would come to the top of the water to eat the bread.

The Millers became the parents of six children. Five sons grew to adulthood. They were Frederick, George, Adam, Charles, and William. Mrs. Miller died in 1918. Henry died in 1922.

1898. The old Miller home the day it was to be torn down to build the big house. Margaret Miller, Will, Charles, O. Coder, Henry Miller, George and Steve McBride. Coder and McBride were the contractors.

Frederick became a veterinarian and practiced in Ohio. Frederick and his wife Mary Huey had one child who died in infancy.

George and Marietta (Hearn) Miller lived in Noble Twp. and were the parents of four sons. Three sons grew to adulthood. They were Galen, Hobart, and Milo Miller.

Adam and Belle (Nickerson) Miller lived near New Corydon. They were the parents of Florence Miller Comer, Margaret Miller Beckman, Joseph, Leona Miller Hisey, Elizabeth Miller Cook, and Herbert Miller.

Charles and Grace (Bennett) Miller lived in Noble Twp. and were the parents of Mabel Miller Norris, Marguerite Miller Hinkle, Charles B. Miller, and Kenneth Miller.

William and Stella (Nickerson) Miller lived in Noble Twp. and were the parents of Henry Miller, Fred L. Miller, Clara Miller, Grace Miller Rush, and Ethelbelle Miller Smith.

Alfred Miller (the son of George and Charlotte Young Miller), a nephew of Henry Miller, came from Alsace-Lorraine, Germany in 1904 and lived with the Millers for sometime. He married Dora Teeters. They spent most of their married life in Noble Twp. They were the parents of Madonna and B. Glenn Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, their five sons and their wives are all buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Henry Miller selected a spot for his gravesite near the location of the altar of a Lutheran Church that had once stood there.

Leo and Mabel Miller Norris live on a part of the original Henry Miller farm.

Grandchildren of Henry Miller living in Jay County today are Fred L. Miller, Clara Miller, Grace Miller Rush, Mabel Miller Norris, Marguerite Miller Hinkle, and Charles B. Miller. Several great-grandchildren live in Jay County. *Submitted by Madonna Miller.*

John G. Miller

Abigail Maud Kinsey was born October 2, 1876, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Kinsey. She married John Grant Miller, born February 7, 1865, the son of John J. and Elizabeth May Miller. They raised a family of five children. Opal (Mrs. Elston Hough, Mrs. Frank Bryant) was John G. Miller's daughter by his first wife, Ona Merchant, who died in 1899; Gerald Paul; William Quincy; David Floyd; and Leland Dale, each son better known by his middle name.

Two sons, W. Russell and LaDoyt, died during childhood.

John G. Miller was employed by the C. B. & C. Railroad (Cincinnati, Bluffton, and Chicago R. R.) which went from Portland to Bluffton, and which the family referred to as the C. B. & F. E. (Come Back and Forth Empty). John G. Miller also worked for the Pennsylvania R. R. and Shellers.

John G. Miller died May 6, 1940; Abby Miller died July 9, 1947. They are buried in Green Park Cemetery. *Submitted by Kay Miller Fansler.*

John J. Miller

John J. Miller was born in Frederick County, Maryland, December 10, 1835. He was the son of William and Margaret Stull Miller. On January 20, 1855, he married Elizabeth May, who was born July 18, 1836 in Jay County. She was the daughter of John and Lousinda Pingrey May.

John J. Miller listed his occupation as a farmer when he was enrolled as a private of Company B, 34th Regiment Indiana Volunteers, in November 1864. He served for one year and was mustered out at Brownsville, Texas. He later received a pension.

John J. and Elizabeth May Miller were the parents of: Charles, William (married Mary Johnson), John G. (Abigail M. Kinsey), Josephine (Mrs. Harry Slack), Rosetta (Mrs. Samuel Via), and Della.

The Miller family lived east of Pleasant Ridge in a log cabin, and in later years moved to Portland. They attended the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Elizabeth Miller died June 11, 1919, and John J. Miller died February 23, 1920. They are buried in Whicker Cemetery. *Submitted by Kay Miller Fansler.*

L. Dale Miller

Leland Dale Miller, Sr., was born April 10, 1911, the son of John G. and Abigail M. Kinsey Miller. On September 4, 1932, he married Esther Aine Fantt, daughter of Israel Alarik (Alex) and Aina Erkkila Fantt, who was born February 1, 1913 in Girard, Ohio.

Dale Miller attended Anthony Wayne Business College in Fort Wayne. He was a partner in Miller Brothers Grocery until he was stricken with polio in 1943, in the first of two epidemics which were to hit Jay County. Still recovering his own strength from the illness, he served as chairman of the March of Dimes county polio fund campaign, to see that help was available for other victims of the 1943 epidemic, and again for victims of the second epidemic in 1949. He was honored in 1951 at the Jay County Achievement Banquet for his service to polio victims.

Dale Miller was elected and served as Mayor of Portland from 1951 to 1955. His belief that raw sewage that was dumped into the Salamonie River may have contributed to the polio epidemics led to the construction of the sewage treatment plant. He was Wayne Township Trustee from 1971 to 1980, and served as Republican precinct committeeman for over thirty years. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite. He is proprietor of Rug Country and Dale Miller Fence Company at Deerfield.

The daughter of Finnish immigrants, Esther Miller grew up in Ohio and Fort Wayne. She worked many years at the Jay Garment Company. At age 55, she enrolled at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, in nursing classes. A Licensed Practical Nurse, she is retired from the Jay County Hospital, and works with her husband in his businesses. The Millers are members of the Asbury United Methodist Church.

Dale and Esther Miller are the parents of three children: Leland Dale, Jr. (Lee), Beth Ann (Mrs. Robert D. Arthur), and Kay June (Mrs. Gale L. Fansler).

Lee Miller attended courses at Purdue University, and is a registered land surveyor practicing in Noblesville. He is currently serving as City Engineer in Anderson, where he resides. He is married to Bonita Edwards Clark. He has two daughters, Lori Dayl and Holli Raynelle, and four stepchildren.

Beth Ann Miller Arthur has a B.S. from Indiana University, M.S. from the University of Missouri, and is a PhD. candidate at Southern Illinois University, in the field of Education as a reading specialist. She is married to Dr. Robert David Arthur, son of J. William and Geraldine Clevenger Arthur of Union City. Bob is a member of the faculty of the School of Agriculture at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. They are the parents of two daughters, Abigail Elise and Emily Jane.

Kay June Miller Fansler graduated from Purdue University in Consumer and Family Sciences (Home Economics). She is married to Gale Lee Fansler, son of Howard W. and F. Louise Morgan Fansler of Fort Wayne. The Fanslers live in Fort Wayne, where Gale is a land surveyor. Kay is a member of the Allen County Genealogical Society. *Submitted by Kay Miller Fansler.*

William Miller

William Miller was born in Frederick County, Maryland in 1807, the son of John and Hannah Freese Miller. He married Margaret Stull, daughter of Christopher Stull, on April 1, 1826. The Millers moved their family to Jackson County, Ohio in 1838, then to Jay County, Indiana in 1840. They were engaged in farming southeast of Portland.

William and Margaret Miller were the parents of eight children: Josiah (married Elizabeth Millett), Lewis Alfred (Hannah Jane Griffis), Jeremiah, Mary Jayne (Mrs. Edward B. Kikendall), Armenious Columbus (Mary M. Lanning), John J. (Elizabeth May), Hannah C. (Mrs. William Meyers), and William (Sarah Jane Metz).

All eight of the children remained residents of Jay County until their deaths. Margaret Miller died February 15, 1869. William Miller then married Mary Williams in July 1870. He died January 1, 1879. Several children are buried near their parents in the Little Salamonie Cemetery, others are buried in the Whicker Cemetery.

William H. Miller Family

William Henry Miller was born in Noble Township in 1881, the youngest son of Henry and Margaret (Stolz) Miller. He married Estella May Nickerson, the daughter of Joseph and Jane (McDowell) Nickerson in 1904.

William H. Miller received 40 acres with the home from his parents. He bought 44 acres more in 1918. He and his wife lived on the homeplace with his parents. When his parents were gone, it became his home for the rest of his life.

Mr. Miller always had a team of Belgian draft horses of which he was very proud. He also raised Shorthorn cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Miller were the parents of

Henry N., Fred L., Clara, Grace, and Ethelbelle Miller. All of the Miller children attended the Mt. Zion School.

Mr. Miller sold gravel from his farm. Many Indian relics such as cooking utensils, skeletons, and arrowheads were found on the farm. He farmed until his death in 1952. His wife died the same year.

Henry N. Miller married Elsie Alice Hehmeyer in 1929 and moved to a farm in Ohio. He lives in Celina now. They have three children: H. William who married Bessie Lee Waggoner; Mary Lou who married Donald Adams, and Dale John who married Paulette Wagner. Mary Lou (Miller) and Donald Adams have five children: David, Daniel, Gary, Connie, and Thomas Henry. Dale John and Paulette (Wagner) have three children: Jennifer, James, and Josh William.

Fred L. Miller married Martha Smith. Fred owned and operated the Fred L. Miller Feed Co., in Portland and Pennville. He has two step-sons, William and Robert Fennig. Fred and Martha have two daughters, Patricia who married Richard Gross and Judy who married Larry Stanford. Robert Fennig married Elizabeth Wilder and they are the parents of Kenneth and James. William Fennig married Georgia Russell and they are the parents of two children, Ann and Dale. Richard and Patricia (Miller) Gross now live in Florida. They are the parents of five children: Kevin, Brian, Teresa, Michael, and Eric. Larry and Judy (Miller) Standford reside near Indianapolis. They have five children: Lisa, Patrick, Stacy, Anne, and Daniel.

Clara's daughter Doris Jean married Dorwin Teeters. They live near Piqua, Ohio. They are the parents of four daughters: Nancy (Teeters) Collins, Linda (Teeters) Grise, Julie, and Amy.

Grace Miller married Jasper Rush. They live in Portland.

Ethelbelle Miller married Herman Smith. They reside in Columbia City, Indiana. They have two children, David married Diane Hildebrand and Marjorie who married Warren Lopshire. David and Diane (Hildebrand) Smith have one child, Donald. Warren and Marjorie (Smith) Lopshire are the parents of two children, Keith and Shane. *Submitted by Madonna Miller.*

Wm. Quincey Miller

William Quincey Miller was born March 2, 1904, the son of John G. and Abigail M. Kinsey Miller. He married Thelma Pauline Smith, daughter of Charles and Hazel Brubaker Smith, on April 6, 1929.

Quincey Miller worked for the Knocker Shirt Factory, the Stevenson Overall Factory, Schatz Bakery, and the Cook Coffee Company. He was the proprietor of Miller Brothers Grocery from 1938 to 1962. He was a member of the Eagles, Elks, and Oddfellows lodges. At the time of his death, October 27, 1966, he was the Republican candidate for Wayne Township Assessor.

Thelma Miller worked with her husband in the grocery business. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women, the Garden Club, and the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist. She died October 16, 1959, they are buried in Green Park Cemetery.

Quincey and Thelma Miller were the parents of one daughter, Anita Pauline Miller (Mrs. Joe Hall, Jr.). *Submitted by Kay Miller Fansler.*

These are the children of Christopher Gabriel and Effie May Beebe Milthaler: Mrs. Robert (Mary) Bone, Mahlon Milthaler, Mrs. Lewis (Martha) Bailey, Harvey Milthaler, Mrs. Cyril (Elva) Grubenhoff, sitting is Mrs. Noah (Velma) Scholer.

Milthaler Family

Gabriel Milthaler (1824-1890), a Catholic from Baden Germany, met Louisa Carst (1835-1914) while on a boat to America and were married. Ernest Carst, brother to Louisa, had no children. Ernestine Carst, a sister, married Adam Baldoff. Gabriel and Louisa had 12 children: Teenae, Emma, Lena, Louise, Adam, John, Charles, George, William, Henry, Harry and Earl.

John Milthaler (1854-1918) married Elizabeth Ann Shauver (1855-191__), daughter of Christopher and Nancy A. (Hale) Shauver, to John and Nancy were born three children: Charles Edward, who married Angie Bonnell and later Effie McLaughlin; Anna Louise (1882-1949), who married Clemm Zearbaugh (1879-1930). They have one child, LeRoy Zearbaugh, married Dorothy Harruff, son, Jerry, married Evelyn Reitz. Children, Lori and Kathy. John's third child, Christopher Gabriel (1884-1958), married Effie May Beebe (1887-1922). To them were born Mahlon, Atlee, Velma Idora, Martha Elizabeth, Mary Louise, Elva May and Harvey Edward.

Mahlon Atlee (1910-), the first child of Christopher, married Martha Ethel Grider, to this union were born five children: Harold Dwight married Carolyn Hicks (no children) and later married Frances Maria Tyler. They have three children: Sharon Ann, Gregory Allen and Maria Lyn. The second child, Carolyn Sue, married Jesse Lee Clevenger; they have two children, Douglas Lee and David Glen. The third child, Wanda Lou, married Steve Alan Clott and have two children, Shelley Lynne, and Rodney Alan. Later she married Paul Eugene Strong and have Tamara Jo, Terena Ann, Jeri Lyn and Jeffery Brian Strong. The fourth child, Diana Kay, married Donald William Cole. There are no children. The fifth child, Deborah Lee, married Michael Linn Garringer. They have two children, Tracy Michael and Ryan Christopher. Mahlon has one step-son, Mark Mullen, a son of his second wife, Ruby Violet (Caylor) Mullen.

Velma Idora, the second child of Christopher, married Noah Bernard Scholer and her family is treated under the Noah Scholer family.

Martha Elizabeth, the fourth child of Christopher, married Lewis W. Bailey Sr. There are eight children: Larry Dean, Shirley Carol, Sonja Kay, Lewis W. Jr., Dewey Gene, Ronald Lee, Randall Wayne, and Charles Dennis. Shirley Carol married Forrest E. Durnal, children: Toni Carol, Kristi Lynn and Susan Elaine. Sonja Kay married John Wolfe, children, John Alan and Tamara Sue. Lewis W. Jr. married Kathleen Williams and later Janice Elaine (Knotts) Wilkins, children: David Alan, Danny William, Mary Ann, Tina Marie Wilkins, and Ernest Garrett Wilkins. Ronald Lee married Linda Carole Leonard, they have one child, Carol Ann. Randal Wayne married Linda Renie Dom, one child, Kenneth Wayne.

Mary Louise Milthaler married William Robert Bone, one child, Janet Joy who died in infancy. Ann Elaine married Richard Lee Kegerreis, they have as children: Alana Gale, Todd Alan, John Mark, Jana Lynn and Ryan Lee. Marilyn Kay Bone married Michael Smith Mumby, children: Susann Marie, David and Michael. Gary Robert Bone married Linda Sue McDaniel and have Michael Shannon, Jason Christopher, Emily Catherine and Erin Elizabeth. Delane Gale Bone married William Joseph Hutchins and have Anjanette Dee, Andrea Elizabeth and Anthony William as their children. Lana Sue Bone married Thomas Robert Koegel with John Christopher, Jennifer Joan, Kimberley Ann and Angela Marie as their children.

Elva May Milthaler married Cyril G. Grubenhoff and there are no children.

Harvey Edward Milthaler married Pauline Pyles and later Lois Blanche Waite. There are two children, Michael James and Branda. Harvey was only six months old when his mother Effie May (Beebe) Milthaler died. *Submitted by Velma Scholer.*

Mathias Minch

Mathias and Anna (Welsch) Minch came to the USA from Hamburg, Germany in 1866, arriving in New York, N.Y. on May 22, 1866 on the ship, Bavaria. The family was from Prussia, and had alligeance to William, Kin of Prussia.

Mathias was born in 1826 and died December 26, 1910. Anna was born in 1824 and died September 13, 1905. She was the daughter of Fred Welsch. Mathias and Anna are buried at Trinity, Indiana.

They had seven children, six born in Prussia and one in Indiana. Jacob, Joseph, John, Peter, Gertrude, Barbara and M.A. Mathias.

Peter Minch, my grandfather, married Sarah Harden in 1888. Sarah was the daughter of John and Mary (Trexler) Harden. She had five brothers, Milo, (*Columbus); Benjamin, Daniel and Frank; two sisters, Malissa and Rachel.

Children of Peter and Sarah Minch: Mary married Nicholas Hartnagel, 10-18-10, Jay County, Indiana, born 2-17-1889, died 4-18-1975. (Children listed under the Hartnagels); William married Emma Kelley, six children; Anna, died 1921, never married; Augusta married Oscar Clouse, no children; Charles first married to Mildred Coulson, three sons. Second marriage, Beatrice Macklin Huey, no children; Minnie married LeRoy Ayers, one son; Eva, died 1925, never married; Christina married Walter McLaughlin, no children; Frank, died 1912, never married; Mathias married Beatrice ________, had four children, one now deceased; Mildred married Royce Walters, no children.
Submitted by Marguerite Hartnagel Weller.

*Cumm. name was Columbus.

Mitchel — Freeman Family

Thomas J. Mitchell (born April 22, 1837), married Amanda Edgington (born Nov. 18, 1840 and died Oct. 19, 1905). Thomas died Feb. 7, 1907. Their son Cyrus O'Dell Mitchell was born Aug. 25, 1874 and married on Sept. 9, 1900 to Dorothy Dell Freeman (born July 19, 1873) at Selma, Indiana. He was a teacher and principal at Portland High School in the early 1900's. Later, he with Rev. Wakeman and Joe Long, started the Portland Silo Co., of which he was president until he died in 1953, on April 13. He was a former mayor of Portland, also. Mrs. Mitchell died July 6, 1959. Both are buried in Green Park Cemetery. They had two children. Catharine Amanda (born March 20, 1910) and Freeman O'Dell, son (born Nov. 9, 1911 and died June 5, 1921). *Submitted by Donald Schramm.*

William Freeman Family of Delaware County

William Freeman was born Oct. 14, 1837 and married on Sept. 26, 1860 to Nancy Catharine Munsey, born in 1837 in Delaware County and died in 1916. William died in 1911. Their daughter Dorothy Dell Freeman was born July 19, 1873. She married Cyrus O'Dell Mitchell, who worked in the post office there and came to Jay County with her husband. *Submitted by Donald Schramm.*

Cloyd Mock

Cloyd Mock the oldest son of Benjamin and Martha Coblentz Mock was born Jan. 26, 1902 in Darke Co., Ohio.

He married Helen Minnie Teegarden on June 12, 1926, the youngest daughter of William and Ella (Pyle) Teegarden residents of Green Township, Jay Co.

Cloyd was engaged in construction work and later worked at Warner Gear in Muncie Ind. as an inspector for 38 years. His wife Helen worked several years at Warner Gear. She worked at the Jay County Hospital for 15 years.

They had two sons, Raymond Leon, born June 21, 1927 in Portland. He married Rose Erma Meyer on Nov. 25, 1948. They have two children, Gary Keith, born Dec. 27, 1950, he now lives on Mangold Dr. in Portland and is married to Deborah Wilson July 12, 1975. They have three sons:

Cloyd and Helen Mock
39th Wedding Anniversary

Ryan, Robert, and Dustin.

Raymond and Rosa's daughter was named Kathy Lynn, who lives in Fullerton, California; she has a son named Jason Michael.

Raymond is chief of police in the city of Portland, and is married to Peggy Hiatt, they live at 902 S. Shank St., Portland.

The younger son is Richard Duane, born July 31, 1931 here in Jay Co. He married Mary Katheryn Hartig on August 8, 1952. They have a son Stanley Duane. Stanley lives in Bradenton, Florida. Richard now lives in San Bernardino, California. *Submitted by Helen Mock.*

The Money Family

Old newspaper articles state that the Money family may have come to the United States by way of England. The 1790 U.S. Census, Heads of Families in Pennsylvania, list families of Moneys and Andersons who were living in the same Washington County area in the state of Pennsylvania.

William Money is listed in the 1850 U.S. Census as being born in the state of Virginia. His wife, Anna (Anderson) is listed as being born in Pennsylvania. Old newspaper articles list Annas' parents as being Alexander and Martha (McCreery) Anderson, from Ireland.

William and Anna Money came to Mercer County, Ohio around 1830. Their children: Mary (McConnel), William, Alexander, Rachael (Campbell), James, John Andrew, Mary (Barber), Samuel, Josiah, Nicholas, Martha (Bennett), David.

William and Anna Money, together with several of their children, are buried on their Ohio homestead. William died around 1846 at the age of 69 years, Anna died around 1856. This old family cemetery was rediscovered in 1979 by Juanita and Homer Hummer and the authors of this article.

David Money, a son of William and Anna, married Miriah (Bickel) on April 21, 1839. The 1850 U.S. Census lists their children as: Jacob H., Thomas, Sallie Ann (Davidson), Martha M. (Drake), Nicholas, William A., John A., George W..

Around March 1839, David and Miriah Money established residency in Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana. Mr. Moneys' travels and hunting exploits during this time are legendary.

Miriah Bickel's father and his brothers came to the United States from Germany during the period from 1709 to 1730. The family migrated from Center County, Pennsylvania thru Virginia, Preble County, Ohio, into Jay County, Indiana. Miriahs' parents were Thomas and Barbara (Shaffer) Bickel.

Miriah died May 22, 1905, age 87 years. David died December 24, 1908, age 91. They are buried together in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

George W. Money, son of David and Miriah, married Leah Emma (Teeters) on February 15, 1882.

Their children: Bertha (Manes), Margaret (Metz), Mayme (Walling), Melva (Armstrong), Elizabeth (Traxler), Clyde, John, Nick, Bill, Earl Carlton.

Leah Emmas' parents were John H. and Margaret (Davis) Teeters. John and Margaret were married February 5, 1852. Leah Emmas' grandfather was David Teeters.

George Money died in a hunting accident at the family homestead on April 16, 1913. Leah Emma died in Cleveland, Ohio on February 14, 1927. They are buried together in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Earl Carlton Money, a son of George and Emma, married Ova Inez (Arnold) on August 27, 1904.

Their children: Bernice Lucile m. Norval Ferner and Leland Phil m. Zoe (Omart).

Ova Inez died September 29, 1909, age 21 years.

On June 21, 1910, Earl C. married Roma Elda (Arnold). Roma was Ovas' younger sister.

Their children: Florence May m. Chester Dority and later John Fluckinger, Mable Juanita m. Homer Hummer, Rolland Earl Junior m. Fredetta (Mirgon), William E. m. Maxine (Sanders), Elda Glee m. Charles Green, Carlton Howard m. Reba (Bright), Jean Romaine m. James Faught.

Roma and Ovas' parents were Levi Arnold and Lina May (Warner). Levi and Lina were married December 19, 1885. Levi died April 30, 1946, age 83 years. Lina died July 5, 1944, age 76. They are buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Jay County.

Ova and Romas' grandparents were Mark B. Warner married to Emily (Greene) and Samuel Arnold married to Elizabeth (Warner). Mark died February 20, 1878, age 62 years. Emily died September 20, 1909, age 86 years. They are buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Samuel died March 13, 1911 and Elizabeth died July 12, 1912. They are buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Ova, Roma, Earl Money are buried together in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Jay County. *Submitted by Anita and David Green.*

Money

David Money is listed as being the first settler in Noble Township. He was born in 1817 in Jackson County, Ohio. His parents were William and Anna (Anderson) Money. William Money's father had come to Virginia in colonial days. William was a soldier in the War of 1812 and took part in the battle of Fort Recovery, Ohio.

David Money moved to Jay County in 1837. His home site was on the NW Section 14 in Noble Township, 23 N of range 15.

David Money was a famous hunter and friend of the Indians. He was known as the "deer slayer" and had the reputation of having killed more deer than any other man in eastern Indiana and western Ohio. His first 120 acres of land in Noble Township were paid for by furs and the scalps of wolves which Money carried to Indianapolis to collect the bounty thereon. The land cost $1.25 per acre.

The first winter in Noble Township, David hunted steadily for three weeks, killing three to nine deer about every day. During that fall and winter he killed 120 deer. He received at one time $100 in Fort Wayne for furs and skins. The next winter he hunted three weeks and killed 67 deer. At one time he shot 32 consecutive times at deer, foxes, pheasant and other game without missing.

In 1838 David was married to Mariah Bickel. Their ten children were: Jacob, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, William, David, Martha, Henry, George and John. David and Mariah Money lived all their lives on their original farm in Noble Township. 100 acres were added to the original 120. David Money was a commissioner of Jay County three years and a township trustee for five years.

In his later years, David always seemed to have an audience for his colorful tales of pioneer life. At age 81, he was described as "sound money" in a newspaper interview. He died in 1908 at the age of 92.

David Money's son, William, was the father of nine children. One of these was Francis (Arley) Money, and whose wife was Flora Alice McAlexander, who was the parents of Dale Money, a current resident of Portland. Both Dale and his brother C.V. ("Red") Money were born in Noble Township. Sister Dorothy Lucille Money, Ft. Wayne.

C.V. Money is listed in the Athletic Hall of Fame of Ohio Northern University. During his career in athletics, he was a coach and chairman of physical education departments at six colleges and universities. In 1964 he was selected for membership in the Michigan Sports Sages, an organization of outstanding figures in state sports. He was inducted into Michigan's Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame at Marquette in 1976. He died in 1977. His son, Robert, is a professor of history at Lake Superior College.

Dale Money married Vera C. Thornburg. They have one daughter, Karen. Karen married Samuel H. Smith. Their home is in Pennville, they are planning to move to Portland in the near future. They have two sons, Aaron C. and Joel S.

David Money's son, George, was the father of Earl Money, who lived in Portland. The surviving children are: Bernice Ferner, Noble Twp., Leland Money, of Arkansas, Juanita Hummer, Elda Green Harbst, and Jean Faught of Portland, and Chris Money of Michigan. *Submitted by Karen Smith.*

The Montgomery's

The Montgomery's settled in Jay County in 1838, Reuben Montgomery arriving from Steuben Coiunty, New York with his son, William H. Montgomery and other members of his family. Many of these early family members are buried in the Westchester Cemetery.

William H. Montgomery was married to Elizabeth Springer, and George G. Montgomery (their son) was born in 1845 in Jay County.

The family of Geroge G. Montgomery were all born in the Westchester homeplace in Bearcreek Township. George G. Montgomery was a Civil War Veteran, and later operated the Westchester Store and, also, farmed the home farm. Married to Sarah (Griffith) Montgomery, the following children were born to this marriage, three sons, William H., Isaac Allen and Fred M., and four daughters, Laura (Montgomery) Freemyer, Nancy E. (Montgomery)(Flauding) Haggett, Genevra Montgomery (died at age 21 years), and Edna (Montgomery) Bowen. He moved his family to Bryant in 1898 where he engaged in the grocery (general store) business (Geo. G. Montgomery General Store) and continued the management of his farms. Active in the betterment of Bryant civic affairs, he was a respected citizen. All members of this family resided in Bearcreek Township and Bryant, Indiana.

William H. Montgomery (farmer all his life) married Wilma Roseborough; their children: Mabel (Montgomery) Axe, daughter, and three sons, George R., John, and F. Ward.

Isaac Allen Montgomery (general store in Bryant) married Mary "Mayme" Miles; their children: Ivan M. Montgomery and Myra (Montgomery) Arthur.

Laura Montgomery married to Edward B. Freemyer (farmer); one daughter, Wilma (Mrs. Vernon Haley).

Nancy Montgomery married to Jesse Flauding, later to Frank Haggett; one son, Donald G. Flauding.

Fred M. Montgomery (businessman and service station owner) married Clara Engle; their children: Frederick M. "Ted", William T., Jason G., Ruth and Esther.

Edna Montgomery married to Earl H. Bowen (barber).

Eleven of the grandchildren of George G. and Sarah Montgomery graduated from Bryant High School and many were active in church and community activities.

Second Generation

Fred M. Montgomery, son of George G. and Sarah (Griffith) Montgomery, (life-long resident of Bryant, Indiana) operated Montgomery Service Station for most of his life. Married to Clara Engle, their children:

Frederick M. "Ted" Montgomery, married to Mary E. (Betty) Leonhard, their children: Linda Jane (Montgomery) Minch, Berne, Indiana, F. Phillip Montgomey, California, and Nan (Montgomery) Rowles, Portland, Indiana.

Frederick M. "Ted" Montgomery owned and operated F.M. Montgomery Insurance Agency for some 30 years, also was sports announcer for W.P.G.W. and Cable T.V. some 25 years. He was former Mayor of Portland, from 1963 thru 1967. He and his family are lifetime residents of Jay County (having lived in Bryant and now residing in Portland).

William T. Montgomery, married to Thelma (Johns), they reside in Hemet, California, he was a World War II Veteran. He was in the merchandising business for many years in Indiana, Ohio and California. Their children: Sharon (Montgomery) McTee, California, and Terry Montgomery, Washington.

Jason G. Montgomery (interior decorator for many years, now has second hand store in Bryant, Indiana), married to Helen (Laux), their children: Daniel J. Montgomery and Mary E. (Montgomery) Sponheim, both raised in Bryant, now residing in California.

Ruth Montgomery, married to James E. Sprunger of Berne, Indiana (James E. Sprunger, now deceased), their children: Julia Ann (Sprunger) LaFollette, Orland, Indiana; James Frederick Sprunger, Berne, Indiana; and Rebecca Jane Sprunger, also of Berne, Indiana.

Esther Montgomery (secretary), married to John A. Resler, attorney, Portland, Indiana (John A. Resler, now deceased), two adopted children: David, Ft. Wayne, Indiana and Richard, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

All the children of Fred and Clara Montgomery attended and graduated from Bryant High School, and with exception of William T., and Ruth, still reside in Jay County. All have taken part in civic and church activities throughout their adult lives.

Mahlon Morrical

Mahlon Morrical settled in Jefferson Township, Jay Co. in 1865 receiving land from the Government as payment for his three years service in the Civil War. He served as a private of Capt. T. W. White's Company "E" 89th Regiment of Indiana Infantry Volunteers commanded by Col. C.D. Murray.

He was born Oct. 30, 1840 in Henry Co., Ind. the son of Andrew and Polly (Delaney) Morrical. Andrew was born in 1809 in Virginia, the son of John Morrical, born 1777 in Germany, who was the son of William Morrical. Andrew and his brother Soloman were the progenitors of most of the Morricals of Jay and Blackford counties.

Mahlon was married to Susannah Nixon Aug. 28, 1870. Five children were born to them: Alice, Anna, Allen, Arlie and Arland. Alice married John M. Heniscey and to them were born: Enis, Inez (Jackson), Ina (Rantz), Eyman and Irwin. The children of Inez and Carl Jackson are Marjorie (Wheat), Martha (Hickle), and Charles. They live in this area. Allen married Carrie I. Collett, their children were Susanna (Goslee) and Russell. Arlie died in infancy. Arland married Mary A. Beard and their children were Sheldon and Willard.

Anna married Cheyne Riley Pyle and to them were born Lester and Chester. Lester married Harriet Nettie Loy and Chester married Adah Fairchild. To Chester and Adah were born Doradean, who died when two, Robert Riley and Reba Louise. Reba's children from her first marriage are Milton, Rachel, Reuel and Brent. Reba married secondly A. A. Del Rodewald. Robert, Reba and Del are living in Jay County. *Submitted by Reba Rodevald.*

James P. Morrison

James P. Morrison, the second son of Andrew and Martha (Mitchell) Morrison was born October 10, 1808, in Preble County, Ohio. His parents were natives of North Carolina. At a young age they moved to Kentucky, and in 1807 from thence to Preble County, Ohio where a large family was reared amid hardships of pioneer farm life. Being one of the early settlers, his father cleared the land before planting his crops. By attending the district schools the children received a fair education. Before James arrived at his maturity, he had learned the carpenter's trade.

On September 11, 1831 in Preble County, Ohio, James and Elizabeth (Wire) were married. (There is an error in copied records, that were printed, listing Wire as Wick.)

Andrew D. was born April 16, 1832, Preble County, Ohio.

By 1832 having heard of the advantages offered to men of small means, James resolved to move west and cast his lot with the pioneers. He was one of the first to go to Indiana in 1833, though he remained there but a few years. He entered a tract of land 40 acres on February 9, 1833 which was purchased in dense timber with no neighbors for a considerable distance. He erected a pole cabin and began clearing the land and carving a home from the wilderness. His was the third cabin built in the area that was later established as Wayne Township in 1837.

Mary M. was born in 1837.

Lewis P. was born December 15, 1838, Warren, Huntington County, Indiana.

The next records found show James Morrison served three months with the Red River Rangers from 2nd of May until the 2nd of August, 1840.

William A. was born in Arkansas in 1842.

John Washington was born in 1843. (It is believed that he was born in one of the Indian Nations in the Oklahoma area; this is still being researched.)

James Morrison is shown on the Fannin County, Texas Tax Roll for 1845. He is also on the Fannin County, Texas Poll List for 1846.

Texas U.S. Census, Grayson County, 1850 lists the family with five children named, showing James P. as a 41-year-old carpenter with a cash value in land of $220.00.

Found in the history of Peters Colony of Texas:

> "James P. Morrison came to the colony as a family man prior to July 1, 1850. He was listed and issued a land certificate by Thomas William Ward in 1850 for 640 acres. The certificate was sold unlocated and was later patented in Grayson County (Fannin Third Class No. 1338). According to the colony agent's report for 1850, he was illiterate."

The family migrated to Texas from Arkansas.

Land was sold May 8, 1852 to William H. Bourland.

May 31, 1852 Frank H. Barnett purchased some of the land with a clause that James would give possession on or before November 1, 1853.

James P. and Elizabeth died of fever in the early spring of 1853, Grayson County, Texas.

Land records on file, dated April 18, 1853, states James P. Morrison deceased. The children are next found listed on the Estate Case #1763, Andrew Morrison, Probate Court, Preble County, Ohio, dated June 18, 1853.

(Luther Morrison, a grandson of James P. and Elizabeth, said that he had been told: His grandparents were selling their land with plans to move on to California. James' brother, Lewis was to meet them and go along. But, when Elizabeth gave birth to twins, both Mother and babies died and James P. died a few days later of fever, Lewis returned the other children to Preble County, Ohio to be near relatives.) *Submitted by Sallie E. Klure.*

Jeptha Z. Morrison

Jeptha Z. Morrison was born Nov. 5, 1872, son of John Washington and Lina Mahala Glover Morrison. He had two brothers. His parents were divorced in 1878, Jay Co., Ind. The 1880 U.S. Census lists him at age eight, living with Samuel P. Druley. His brothers, James and Roy were with grandparents Zachariah and Lina Glover.

In his early teens Jep boarded with William Stout family in Jay Co. He attended and completed grade school while working on the Stout farm. He learned the carpentry trade. Mr. Stout wanted him to continue his education and be a school teacher. He chose to travel around the country so left the Stout farm. Returning to Jay Co. he married Sarah (Sallie) Martha Farber on March 3, 1893. Of 12 children, 8 reached maturity. They are Lee; James R.; Gail H.; Atta, wife of Jas. L. Shallenberger; Celia, wife of Andrew J. Plassmeyer; William C.; Jesse R.; and Lewis F.

The family moved several times and four of their twelve children were born in Jay Co. From 1906 to 1911 they lived on the Butternut Farm about five miles from Portland. Having moved out of the state for several years, Sallie moved back to "her family" home on Main St., Portland, about 1937. She stayed about a year and decided to sell the property and return to Penna.

Sallie (1945) and Jep (1956) are buried at Ellwood City, Penna. Their descendants are scattered throughout the United States. *Submitted by Sallie E. Klure.*

John Washington Morrison

John Washington Morrison shown on Grayson County, Texas Census, June 3, 1851, page #702, family #184, at age seven years, born in Conn. Therefore his birthdate would be November 14, 1843. I believe the location of his birth was one of the Indian Nations in the Oklahoma area on the Red River. (This is still being researched.)

John W. was the fifth and youngest living child of James P. and Elizabeth Morrison. Records show his family was located in Fannin County, which was later divided into Grayson County, Texas prior to 1845 and until the early spring of 1853, when John W.'s parents both died of fever within a few days of each other. He was at the young age of nine.

John W.'s uncle, Lewis M. Morrison, returned the five children (Andrew D., William A., Lewis P., Mary M., and John Washington) to Preble County, Ohio to be near their relatives.

John W.'s name is next found on his grandfather's Estate Case #1763, Andrew Morrison, Probate Court, Preble County, Ohio, dated June 18, 1853. It lists Lewis M. Morrison as guardian. Little is known about John W. for the next few years.

The next record found is the U.S. Census dated July 9, 1860, Salamonie Township, Huntington County, Indiana, page #152, family #1024. John W. is listed as age 16, as a farm laborer and attended school within the year. He was living with his married brother, Andrew D. and his family. All four brothers were in the Civil War in the Union Army, serving with the Indiana Volunteers: Lewis P., September 21, 1861, enlisted at Anderson, Indiana. He was discharged at Brownville, Texas, February 3, 1866; John Washington, August 1, 1862 entered the army at Warren, Indiana and was mustered out June 8, 1865, near Washington, D.C.; William A., August 7, 1863 shown on roll at Lafayette, Indiana with Co. D, 116 Regt., Indiana Infantry. He was buried February 6, 1864, West Point Cemetery, Wayne Township, Tippecanoe County, Indiana. (Unable to find any other records.); Andrew D. enrolled December 8, Huntington, Indiana. He died June 16, 1865 and was interred in grave #7302 in the National Cemetery at Vicksburg, Mississippi. (Records show that his wife, Esther Ellen died March 15, 1865, leaving two small children. They were raised by maternal grandparents. Ezekiel Jones was appointed guardian.)

John W. married Lina Mahala Glover on July 22, 1868 at Portland, Jay County, Indiana. They had four sons: William M., born April 17, 1869; James Elbridge Milo, born March 9, 1871; Jeptha Zachariah, born November 5, 1872; Roy A. S., born January 1, 1875.

Lina Mahala was granted a divorce July 17, 1878 and was given custody of the children. She could not remarry for three years; ruled by the court.

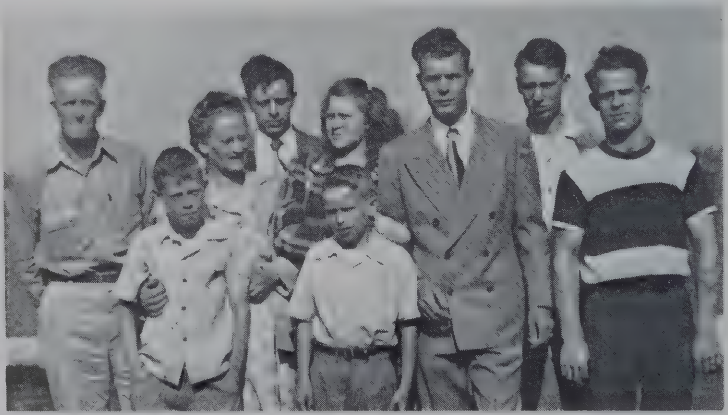
John W. married Mary Ellen Stout October 8, 1881. They had six children: Ollie E., born April 28, 1882; Alva L., born May 29, 1884; Mary E., born December 31, 1886; Luther N., born October 15, 1888; Lina E., born September 13, 1890; and Ethel C., born August 19, 1894.

Prior to October 28th, 1913, John W. and Mary Ellen entered the Indiana State Soldiers' Home, Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana. He remained there until his death December 15, 1929. According to my records, his age was 86 on that date.

Being of a roving disposition there were periods in John W.'s life that he roamed west and then returned to Jay County, Indiana. According to his grandchildren, he was a great story-teller of his adventures, which included "Apple Jack" and "Buffalo Bill Cody". He could have added much to this short review. *Submitted by Sallie E. Klure.*

Moses

Dewey Moses was born Jan. 28, 1908 in Whitley Co., Kentucky, the son of Rev. James Allen and Clarinda (Meadors) Moses. On Nov. 15, 1925 he married Vina Davenport, the daughter of Green Berry and Millie (Anderson) Davenport. She was born in Whitley Co., Kentucky on Nov. 14, 1899. They both grew up near Pleasant View Kentucky on Little Wolf Creek, where most all of their relatives lived. Living back in the mountains of southern Kentucky the people were more or less isolated from the rest of the world. The only public buildings nearby were the church and a one-room school house. Their life style was rugged with lots of hard work. Modern conveniences such as running water and electricity were unheard of and very few had automobiles. Following their marriage they moved into a small house on Wolf Creek where their first six children were born: Kenneth, Glenious, George Earl, Bryant, Joseph, and Geraldine. Kenneth was born in 1926, he lives in Penn Twp. and has five children: Linda, Bonita, Kenneth (Kem), Ginger, and Michael. Glenious was born in 1928, he lives in Salamonia and has three children: Gail, Deborah, and Cam. George Earl was born in 1930 and died in Jay Co. at the age of 18 from cancer. Bryant was born in 1932, he lives in Tennessee and has two daughters, Audry Lynn and Sharon. Joseph was born in 1935, he lives in Portland and has three children: Cathy, Mark and Cheryl. Their only daughter Geraldine (Mrs. Ernest Balantine) was born in 1937, she lives in Portland and has three children: Loeta, Wade, and Teresa. While in Kentucky Dewey worked in the coal mines and he did not want that to be the same future for his sons. Wanting a better life for their family they loaded all their furniture, a cow, chickens, and children into the back of a truck and came to Indiana. They settled in Jay Co. where two more children were born, Burtis and Keith. Burtis was born in 1939, he lives in Texas and has one daughter, Teresa. Keith was born in 1942, he lives in Muncie and has three children: Scott, Dawn, and Brandy. Besides the grandchildren named they also have 14 great-



Moses Family—1951
Front: Burt, Keith, Bryant and Glenious. Back: Dewey, Vina, Kenneth, Geraldine and Joseph.

grandchildren. Dewey farmed and worked at Shellers and for many years he was a bee-keeper and sold honey. Vina worked hard and helped with the farming while raising the family. After the children were grown they separated and she managed a restaurant until she retired and moved into the city of Portland. She is a member of the Church of God of Prophesy in Portland which she helped organize. She enjoys working with crafts, and helps with most of the church projects. For several years Dewey resided in Jefferson Twp. but in 1981 he sold his property and moved to Tennessee. *Submitted by Linda Kirkpatrick.*

Moses

Kenneth Moses was born in Whitley Co., Kentucky on Nov. 4, 1926, the son of Dewey and Vina (Davenport) Moses. He was the oldest of eight children. In 1938 his family moved to Jay Co., Indiana where his father found farm work in Penn Twp. Kenneth worked too, spending summers and extra time on a farm working for John Glendening. When his family moved to Bearcreek Twp. he attended school at Polling and Bryant High Schools. He worked at Central Soya until he joined the Merchant Marines during World War II which took him to many parts of the world. On Nov. 23, 1946 he married Barbara Jean Bailey, the daughter of John P. and Lydia Gertrude (Sherman) Bailey. She was born in Bearcreek Twp., Jay Co. on Aug. 12, 1926, the fourth of five children. At an early age she joined the Westchester E.U.B. Church and attended many community functions with her parents, as they were active in Farm Bureau, the Grange, 4-H and other organizations. She graduated from Bryant High School with the Class of 1944. She went to work at the Jay Garment and then at Shellers until the end of the War, returning to Jay Garment until their first child was born. She then devoted the next several years of her time raising their five children. The first three were born in Jay Co. and the last two were born in Wells Co., Ind. Linda Kaye (Kirkpatrick) on Dec. 1, 1947; Bonita Rose (Foltz) on Apr. 22, 1952; Kenneth Eugene or (Kem) on Aug. 27, 1956; Ginger Marie (Hutchison) on Sept. 26, 1962; and Michael Dean on Jan. 17, 1964. After their marriage they lived in Bearcreek Twp. until 1949 when they moved to the Glendening farm in Penn Twp. where Kenneth had worked as a youth. In 1950 they bought a home and lived in Pennville. Kenneth worked at Shellers and also worked part-time for Walter Williams learning his future trade as a carpenter. Then in 1955 they bought Glendening's farm, located one mile east of Balbec. Once again they moved back into the sturdy old two and a half story farm house where they still reside. The house had 13 rooms with a chimney in nearly every room but over the years it has been entirely remodeled. It was built prior and during the Civil War and was used as an under ground railroad stop. With this move added to his two other jobs he was now a farmer also, and for several years raised Registered Columbia Sheep. In later years he quit Shellers and started construction work full-time. As the children grew they were in 4-H work, scouting, band, sports, and other activities which kept Barbara busy with the transportation to and from events. He belongs to the Pennville Masonic Lodge and they both belong to the Pennville Order of the Eastern Star and have been quite active in the community over the years. *Submitted by Linda Kirkpatrick.*

Moses Family—1980
Front: Michael, Barbara and Kenneth. Back: Linda, Ginger, Kem and Bonita.

Anna Myers

Anna M. Myers (1889-1961) daughter of Mary Belle Hendricks and Andrew Jackson Myers married in 1916 to Arlie B. McAlhaney (1889-1973). They had one son, Albert L. born in Berne, Indiana. They moved to Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Arlie retired after 26 years as a freight conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad. Mr. McAlhaney retired for the day, but he received a call to come back to work immediately. He explained that he was too tired to come back to work, but the caller was desperate as there was no one to cover as the other man was sick. Mr. McAlhaney finally went to work, but knowing he could not make it through the night, grabbed for the rail from the passengers side, missed his hold, slipped and fell under the train, the wheel cutting off his foot. Anna and Arlie are buried in the Greenlawn Memorial Park at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Albert L. McAlhaney (1916-1974) married Betty Short. They lived in Ft. Wayne and had two daughters, Sharon Puff of Ft. Wayne and Susan Young of New Haven, Indiana. Albert was a production worker for the Borden Ice Cream Co. and was buried in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Valetta E. Myers (1892-1973) married in 1912 Walter J. Barkalow (1892-1962) in Berne, Indiana. They later moved to Three Rivers, Michigan. They had four children: Herschel L., Michigan; Raymond of California; Evalyn Greynolds of Michigan and Lester Lee of California. Walter was a farmer and had a milk route in Michigan until retirement. Eva and Walter are buried in Moorepark Cemetery in Moorepark, Michigan.

Herschel L. Barkalow (1913-1981) and wife Edith had four children: Edith L. Perry (1933). There were two children, Denise J. (1962) and Stephen L. (1964); Vivian A. (1935-1975); Phyllise E. Bent (1938). There were four children: David L. Jr. (1961); Michael (1963); Lynette L. (1966); and Tina E. (1970); Lorraine L. Smith (1944). They had two children, Lori A. (1964) and ______________.

Raymond A. Barkalow (1915) and wife have three children: Carlene (1936) and husband Mr. Lowe have three children: Shawn Wyant (1957); Daniel (1960); and Douglas (1962). Betty (1938) married Richard Eugene Thomas and they have two children, Shanon (Thomas) Fewelling (1958) and Susan (1960).

Priscilla A. (Barkalow) Durren (1940) have three children: Marchand Harrison Jr. (1963); Megan (1965) and Chad (1968).

Lester Lee Barkalow (1919) and wife have three children: Patricia (1938) and husband have two children: Tammy (Allen) Riggs (1958) and Micheal (1961). Derrick Barkalow (1946) has one son John Barkalow (1977) and Walter Barkalow (1948) has a child, Michelle (1973).

Evalyn Barkalow and Williard Greynolds have two children: Larry (1950) and Cathy Block (1954). Cathy has two children: David (1972) and Bradley (1975).

Ella Myers (1895-) married in 1921 at 6:00 A.M. wedding to Victor Lewis Long at the home of the bride's parents, Mary Belle Hendricks and Andrew Jackson Myers. They lived at Painesville, Ohio, formerly of Berne, Indiana. Ella was the top underwriter for New York Life Insurance Company. Victor drafted plans and put every nail in their new house. He served in World War I.

Rosa Myers (1898-), daughter of Mary Belle Hendrickson and Andrew Jackson Myers, married Raymond Luster Liby (1899-1970). They had four children: Marcella Evangelene, Luster Andrew, Marlene, and Roscoe.

Marcella E. Liby married Leonard Steininger and had four children: Connie Steininger married Edwin Reeser. They had four children: Eddie Dee, Pattie, Sherrie, and Pamie. Karen Steininger married Don Paul. They have three children: Diana, Penny and Kevin. Maxine Steininger married Fred West. They have two children: Tonya and Grant. Sharlene Steininger married Ben Stiltner. They have three children: Shawn, Todd, and Troy.

Luster A. Liby married Dorothea Foster. They have five children: Rodney Luster Liby; Rosemary Liby married Douglas Hunter. They have three children; twins Marc and Micheal (1970) and Niccole (1975). Raymond Albert Liby married Bonnie Beulah Pennington. They have three children: David, Lisa Marie, and Carol. Carol has two children, Marie Gray and Douglas Gray. James Milton Liby married and has three children: Matthew, Angela, and Micheal. Brenda Louise Liby married Jack Rentfrow. They have two children: Amy (1977) and Coray (1981). Luster's second marriage to Maude Blackman Daugherty produced two sons: Charles Robert and John Alvin. Charles married Marcia Moellering. They have three children: Lynn, James, and Stephen Michael. Charles' second wife, Judy Peterson, have no children. John A. married Sharon Pumphrey. They have one son John Charles.

Marlene Liby and Paul Bruek have two children: Steven, married and lives in Africa as a missionery, has two children, Caleb and Richard. Stanley, married, has two children, Anita and Tonya. Both Steven and Stanley live in Michigan.

Roscoe Gene Liby married June Morris and they have two children. Allen married Marcia and they have three girls. Barbara married Robert Oom, they have one girl. They live in California.

Ethel Myers (1900-) married in 1922 to William McVeigh DeBolt (1895-1968), son of David S. and Mary Elizabeth Hardsog DeBolt. They married in the home of Mrs. DeBolt's parents Mary B. and Andrew J. Myers. Ethel and William were born east of Berne, Indiana, Adams County. They moved to Jay County. They had twin daughters: Luella May and Luetta Faye born in 1924 in Adams County, Berne, Indiana. Mrs. DeBolt quit school when she was 14 years old in 1914 to take care of her grandmother until she passed away in 1916. After that she would not go to the factory to work because there was too much gossip. Her father offered to open a grocery, variety store, a restaurant, lunch counter, and soda fountain which Ethel and sister, Ella Long, could operate. Ethel finished her schooling under the teaching of her parents, as her mother answered all questions with accuracy and intelligence, always prayerfully and thoughtful. Her parents were always kind and helpful to all. The entertainment in those days was gospel singing in the Myers' home on Sunday afternoon, as sister Rosa played the piano. The first radio with the head gear heard in 1922 was exciting.

Agnes Myers (1901-1902) born in Adams County and buried in Studebaker Cemetery, Southwest of Berne, Indiana, Adams County. Buried next to the riverside. The river washed away her grave and many other graves.

John A. Myers (1903-1980) married in 1923 to Irene Denny and lived in Decatur, Indiana, Adams County. They have three daughters: Betty, Shirley, and Arlene. John owned a grocery store in Berne, Indiana, and later was a bookkeeper at the Central Soya plant in Decatur, Indiana. He is buried in M.R.E. Cemetery west of Berne. Betty Myers (1924) married Lloyd Leimenstoll (1917-1975). They had one child, Karen. She married Dann Eckelbarger. Betty later married Harry Bitler in 1981 and live in Decatur, Indiana. Shirley Myers married Arthur Foltz and have two children: Debbie married William Pettibone and Lori married John Wagner. Both live in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Allen County. Arlene Myers married Kenneth Nash and have one child, Julia, she married Kenton Foster and they live in Joplin, Missouri.

Ruben Myers (1858-1930), son of Adam and Elizabeth Juday Myers was married in 1886 to Cora Galloway (1865-1928) the daughter of Covey and Mary Morningstar Galloway. Ruben was a prominent farmer east of Berne, Indiana where he owned 60 acres in Jefferson Twp. They were active members in the Maple Grove Church and were buried in the Crawford Cemetery. They had three children: Nellie (1887-1970) remained single and resided with a niece, Vivian. She is buried in the Crawford Cemetery; Ella (1894-1895) and Clyde (1900-). Clyde married in 1919 to Opal Wagers (1899-1975), daughter of Amos and Nancy (Sims) Wagers. They resided in Adams Co., in the later years Opal moved to San Diego with a daughter. They had four children: Vivian Miller Pherson (1920) resides in Decatur; Peggy Wilson (1926) resides in San Diego, California; Patricia Wyse (1929) resides in Blue Field, Va. and Robert Richard (1930) lives in Roanoke, Indiana.

John Myers, son of Adam and Elizabeth (Juday) Myers was a school teacher and died at an early age.

Ida Myers Goodman of Reading, Pennsylvania, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Juday) Myers, had eight children, one named George.

Cora Myers, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Juday) Myers, married M. Barricks.

Rudy A. Myers (1888-1953), son of Adam and Della (Garrison) Myers, married in 1916 to Esther Smith (1889-). They had nine children: Paul, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Raymond; Fred; Marjorie White; Rudy Jr. (1924-1963); Elizabeth Betz; David; Ralph of Portland, Indiana; and Wanda Hollowell of Ridgeville, Indiana. Rudy Myers worked at Standard Brush and Broom Co. in Portland and Rudy Jr.

worked at Sheller Globe Co. in Portland. Both are buried in Green Park Cemetery in Portland. *Submitted by Ethel and Luella DeBolt.*

Charles B. Myers and Noel Thomas Myers Family

Noel Thomas Myers was born February 1, 1912, son of Charles B. and Emma Mulvina (Thomas) Myers. He married Kathleen Williamson on June 30, 1934. Kathleen was the daughter of Nelson and Gertie (McBride) Williamson. She was a graduate of Portland High School and the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing, Detroit. In high school she was a basketball team regular, and at Henry Ford School of Nursing she was a swim team member. Her graduate nurse diploma was presented personally by Henry Ford I. She served professionally in the Jay County Hospital, and as a volunteer for the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank. While with her husband on foreign service assignment, she served as U.S. embassy nurse and as a volunteer in public health programs.

Noel T. Myers graduated from Pennville High School. He received a B.S. degree from Ball State University, an M.S. from Stout State College, and a doctorate from Indiana University. At Ball State University, he was in athletics and a Letterman Club member. For 17 years he served as teacher in Kokomo and as an administrator in the New Castle school system. In 1952 he joined the Administration for International Development in the U.S. Department of State, and served as a chief education advisor in Lebanon, the Phillippines, Ethiopia and Tanzania. He was a special consultant for the U.S. agency in Taipai, Denmark, Yugoslavia, Syria and Libya, and was cited by the Lebanese Government. A member of honorary professional fraternities Phi Delta Kappa, Epsilon Pi Tau and Iota Lamba Sigma, he was listed in Who's Who publications. The American Vocational Assn. awarded Dr. Myers the distinguished service award. In 1959 he was research director for President Kennedy's Panel for Vocational Education and has written education articles and brochures.

Noel and Kathleen Myers reared five children:

Emma Lou (1936) married Leo Bocook. They reside in Muncie. She is a registered nurse and a Public Health Nurse, and is a supervisor at St. John's Hospital, Anderson, Indiana. He is a Westinghouse draftsman. She is a graduate of American University of Beirut. By previous marriage she had four children: Tammy, Thomas, Timothy and Terry Jean Saloom.

Judith Ann (1939) married Jack McFarland of Portland. They reside in Muncie where he is affiliated with the Ball State University Administration. She is a master teacher in the Anderson school system, and a graduate of Ball State University. There are two children, Teresa Lynn and Jason.

David M. Myers (1945) married Kaye Warren of Indianapolis. She is a teacher. He is a pilot and career officer in the U.S.A.F. He is a graduate of Ball State University. He served four years in the U.S. Air Base in Zaragosa, Spain.

Ronald D. Myers (1947) married Linda Kleffman of Guymon, Oklahoma. She is a teacher, and he is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and a career officer in the U.S. Army armored division. They have one daughter, Malisa. He served five years in Germany at Friedburg.

Carla Mae (1949) married Larry Wilson. They reside on the Myers ancestral farm in Greene Township. He is a teacher in the Jay County school system. They have two sons, Kelly Wayne and Aaron Daniel.

Kathleen and Noel Myers

Noel and Kathleen Myers, in retirement, remain professionally active. Kathleen practices nursing on an emergency basis and assists the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank. She is a member of the county nurses association and an officer in the United Methodist Women. Both are members of the Asbury United Methodist Church.

Sarah and John W. Myers, 1915

Grandparents of Noel, Wesley and Sarah (Hershberger) Myers came to Jay County in 1880. Their people lived in Hagerstown and Milleville area in Henry County. They moved their tools and household goods from Carrol County by horse team and wagon. Wesley and a brother Clemet cleared farm land on the Salamonia near Silver Lake in Greene Township about 1880. In later life the family moved to a small farm on the Mount Pleasant road south of Portland. Precedents were German immigrants who settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Wesley and Sarah Myers were parents of four children. Rene died in youth. Growing to adulthood in Jay County were Flora, Elmer, Lewis and Charles B.

Charles B. Myers was a rural mail carrier and served from the Portland Post Office from 1918 until retirement in 1940. His mail responsibilities began in a period when horse-drawn vehicles were used to serve the routes. The mail carriage was enclosed and had a small coal burning stove to help endure severe winter weather. In deep snows a sleigh was used. Both conveyances were drawn in alternate use by a dependable grey Morgan gelding. The Model T eventually replaced sleigh and wagon and hastened rural delivery.

Charles and Emma Myers

Mr. Myers served as a rural mail carrier in a period of informality and interdependence. The rural telephone service was new and undependable. The rural carrier could relay emergency messages from house to house and there was time for a friendly greeting and brief conversation. "Charlie" Myers was a friendly and considerate person. It was not unusual for him to accept a hen egg from a delivery boy in lieu of a two-cent postage stamp. Waiting in many mail boxes for him at Christmas were packages of fruit, candy and cookies.

The Myers farm is located on County Road 77 on the Salamonia River, north of the pioneer site of the village of Pony. Artifacts found on this farm verify the existence of four early pioneer homes. Shards, tools and weapons indicate the prior existence of a succession of Indian villages. In the late Indian period there were resident families of Miamis and Delawares. A 6000 years old arrow point is a remnant of the Adena period. A remnant of the Pleistocene period found on the farm is a tooth from the predecessor of the horse. The present farm house is on the bank of the old river bed and the site of a ford preceeding the present iron bridge.

Charles B. and Emma Mulvina Myers had 11 children.

Forrest died in infancy.

Lorena (1897-1975) married Lester Pettibone. He was engineer for the Portland Power Plant for many years. A son, Gene, resides in Clyde, Ohio. Lorena taught in the Greene Township and Portland South Ward Schools, and was a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School.

Charles and Emma Myers Family, about 1928

Iona (1899-1980) married Wesley Crisman of Gary, Indiana. Prior to marriage she taught in the Greene Township and Portland West Ward Schools. She graduated from Mount Pleasant High School.

Blanche (1901) taught in the East Ward School prior to her marriage to John Raber of Anderson, Indiana. She was a graduate of the Mt. Pleasant High School, and also taught in the Greene Township school. They adopted a daughter, Kay.

Hugh (1902-1979) married Jewel Morgan of Albion, Michigan. He was a journeyman welder and inventor. There were five children: Marjorie Ann, Charles, William, Mary Carol and an adopted daughter, Jewlie. They resided in the Battle creek area of Michigan.

Glen (1903) married Glenda Brenner of Winchester, Indiana. He was a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and Danville Normal. He taught in Greene Township schools and was teacher and principal in the Winchester Schools. There were four children: Mark, Jan, Jay and Linda.

Dale (1905-1979) a Pennville High School graduate married Erma Robinson. They maintained a farm in Wayne Township for many years.

Maud (1907) married Joseph Cloutier, a railroad telegrapher. She graduated from Pennville High School, attended Ball State College, taught in Greene Township and Ohio schools. The Cloutiers lived in Ohio, rearing two children, Ann Marie and Joseph Allen. Maud is now a resident of Portland.

Marjorie (1916) married Frank Millspaugh, a theatre manager. She graduated from Portland High School, attended Ball State, and teaches in the Pasco, Washington schools. There were five children in the family: Frank, Jr., Lujean, Thomas, Timothy and Susan.

Max (1921) was a paratrouper in the 508 Airborne World War II. He lost his life at the Niemagen, Holland invasion in September 1944. He was a Portland High School graduate.

Noel Myers researches and lectures on World Hunger problems for U.M.C., ecumenical and civic groups. He is a craftsman and landscape artist. The Myers' travel extensively and remain interested in world affairs. Until 1982 Noel Myers retained the home farm in Greene Township which is now occupied by the youngest daughter and husband. Noel and Kathleen, upon retiring, remodeled her parental home in Portland and reside there as of this date (November 1981). *Submitted by Noel T. Myers.*

Coral Myers

Coral Elizabeth Myers (1888-1959), daughter of Mary Belle Hendricks and A.J. (Andrew Jackson) Myers, married in 1905 to Irenios Vance Mattax, son of Laban and Jennie Burkholder Mattax. Vance was a prominent farmer on the homestead, north of the frame house in Monroe Twp. The large bank barn still remains on the 120 acres where he farmed and raised livestock. Vance was trustee for eight years. He had a beautiful penmanship and wrote his own wedding announcements. A son, Laurel, lives on the homestead. Coral and Vance lived east of Berne, Indiana, Adams County about one mile west of the Spring Hill Church, where they are buried. They had nine children: Irenios, Louis, Vesta, Vera, Edith, Othella, and Laurel, all of Adams County. Also, twins, Rowena and Robert.

The eldest son, Irenios (1905-1965) married Mary Swoveland and lived in Decatur, Indiana owning an automobile dealership. He then moved to Michigan. His surviving children are Edsal and wife, Marilyn, who have four children and two grandchildren; and Nancy, who married Emo C. Barney and they have three children.

Louis (1908-) married Loretta Wable and farmed in Blue Creek Twp. before moving to the town of Monroe where he had a car body shop for many years. Upon retiring they moved to Decatur, Indiana. His son, Vaughn, and wife, Vera Yoder, live in Monroe and have daughters, Rhonda; Sheila, married to Paul Shaffer; Louis; Loretta; Phyllis, married Chester Smith and has two daughters, Debra and Carol. They live in Monroe. Sharon married Wayne Myers of Decatur and they have two children, Sheri and Craig, now living in Colorado.

Vesta (1910-) married Rollie Wable and they farmed in various parts of the county. She has three surviving children. Being widowed, she is residing in Hartford Twp. with her younger daughter, Marjorie. Marilyn married Donald R. Myers and they have three sons: Timothy, John and Todd. Maxine married David Stalker and their children are: James, Deborah and Charles. They, too, live in Hartford Twp.

Edith (1912-) lives in Decatur and is retired from the Decatur Industries where she was employed for many years. She was married to Fred Chronister until his death.

Vera (1914-) married Paul Fugate who died in 1952. She lives in Decatur, Indiana and has retired from Bag Service, Inc. after many years of employment. She has two daughters: Gloria married D.A. Simerman and they have two children, Yvonne and Todd living in Root Twp.; Janet married Thomas M. Macklin and they have twins, Steven and Laura, living in Decatur.

Othella (1916-) married Fred Edgell and they were engaged in various businesses in the county and elsewhere. They reside near the homeplace in Monroe Twp. Their son, Michael, and his wife, Cathleen, also live there and they have one daughter, Jessica.

Laurel (1920-), being the son left at home when Vance died, became the farmer. He first lived with his wife Virginia (Fluckiger) and daughters in a house across the lane from the family house and later moved into the main house. He is engaged in the electrical business. Being interested in conservation, Laurel developed a portion of the farm in to a large pond. It is used for recreation, baptisms, retreats and reunions, as well as conservation. The eldest daughter, Saundra, married Keith Minger and resides in Berne, Indiana. Their children are: Valerie, Vickki, Kevin and Krista; Rita married John L. Carroll and they farm in St. Marys Twp. Their children are: John, Jeff and Adam; Linda married Keith Keller and they have two children, Meagon and Travis. They live in the house across the lane; Susan married Anthony Braun and have three children: Brandon, Holly Sue and Brianna. They live down the road.

Robert Lee and Rowena Lou were born in 1928. Being twins and coming along later, they were subjects of much attention. Robert married DeLee Patterson and lived near Berne until he moved to Wells County. He served in the Korean War and now is in radar control at Baer Field, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. They have two sons, Robert Lynn and his wife Mary have a son, Robert Louis; and Bradley and wife Kimberly.

Rowena married James Hurst of Decatur and they cared for Mother Coral until her death. After James died, she moved to Decatur with her two daughters, Scherry married James Steele and they and their daughters, Shelby and Amanda live in Van Wert Co., Ohio; Tamyra married Dennis Norman and they live in Decatur. *Submitted by Ethel and Luella DeBolt.*

Frederick Bruce Myers

Frederick B. Myers, born in Jay County, the son of Rudy Adam and Esther Louise (Smith) Myers. His brothers and sisters are: Paul E. Myers of Salt Lake City, Utah; Raymond C.; David L.; Rudy A. Jr.; and Ralph D. all of Jay County. Three sisters; Marjorie Evalyn, wife of Paul F. White; Louise Elizabeth, wife of George A. Betz and Wanda Sue, wife of Jack Hollowell all of Jay County.

Frederick Myers was graduated from the Portland High School. He worked for the Haynes Milling Co. until he was inducted into the service of his country. He served in the Forty-fourth Infantry Divison of the Seventh Army, in the European Theatre during the second World War.

In 1940 Mr. Myers was married to Evelyn Faye (Lyons) Myers. They had two children: Frederick Bruce Jr., who died in infancy and Herbert Darrell Myers, a Major in the U.S. Air Force. He is married to Catherine L. (McLaughlin) Myers. They have four children: Nathan Edward, Rebecca Anne, Deborah Lee and Suzanne Christine.

In 1947 Mr. Myers went to work for the Sheller-Globe Division of Portland. He worked in the materials department and then advanced to the purchasing department. In 1981 he was given the position of plant superintendant.

Mr. Myers is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and has served in the offices of Deacon and Elder. *Submitted by Fayl Lyons Myers.*

J. Russell Myers

J. Russell Myers was born in 1908 in Jay County, the son of E.N. and Ella (Sanders) Myers. He first attended school in Oklahoma then Union and Kit in Jackson Twp. where his teachers were (perhaps not in this order) Frieda Bishop; Forest Hunt; Joe Glendening; Oliver Shoemaker; Leo Steed; Enoch Hartley and Bernadine Craig. He is now retired from Sheller Mfg. Co. In 1934 he married Bonnie Miller, the daughter of J.W. and Mary (Campbell) Miller, born 1917 in Jackson Twp. and they are the parents of four children. James Wm. who lives with his family in Portland; Mary Helen wife of Don McClain, Balbec; Margaret R., wife of Willard Micheau, also in Portland; and Larry Wayne who lives near Bryant.

For a number of years Mr. Myers raised, showed and judged Beagel dogs in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and all over Indiana. His present hobby is woodworking and re-building furniture. Mrs. Myers has always worked as a cook and recently retired from the H. & H. bakery.

Russell is descended from John Myers, born Hanover, Germany near the Rhine River, who came to Virginia where he served in the Revolutionary War. He later moved to Butler County, Pennsylvania. John's grandson, Nelson M., born Pa., moved his family to Adams County, Ohio, when his sons Cyrus and Alfred returned home from the Civil War. After making their first trip on foot and buying a farm, they came by flat boat down the Ohio River and by Oxcart back up to Cherry Fork, Ohio. After Alfreds marriage to Mary Thoroman in Adams County, he came to Jay County where he raised a family and is buried. Elmer Nelson, the son of Cyrus, born at Cherry Fork, Ohio, came to his uncle Alfreds to finish school. In 1891 he married LeElla Sanders here in Jay County but their three oldest children were born in Illinois. Clarence, born 1892, served in W.W. I, raised a family and is buried in Gravel Hill; Minnie, b. 1894, m. Harley Shively, also buried in Gravel Hill; Harry, b. 1895, also in W.W. I, buried in Marion V.A. Cemetery; Ray, b. 1897, Bryant, living in Chelsea, Okla.; Marie, b. 1899, m. Sheldon Morrical, lives in Muncie; Atha, b. 1900, m. Everett McMichale, lives Muncie; Nellie, b. 1902, m. Basil Harris, lives Pennville; Thelma, b. 1905, lives near Fort Wayne; Darrell, b. 1906, d. 1965 in Florida; Russell, b. 1908, lives R.R. Bryant and Francis, b. 1910, lives Inverness, Fla. in winter, Albany in summer.

When they returned to Jay County, E.N. began work in the oil field, later moving his family of younger children to the oil fields in Okla. They moved back here but he returned to work there as long as he was able, when he retired to his farm near Poling where he died in 1947. He and wife are both buried in Pennville.

LeElla Sanders was born at Bryant in 1869, the daughter of Wm. K. and Sarah (Perry) Sanders. Her father was born in 1842 at New Burlington, Indiana (near Muncie) the son of James and Phebe (Rector) Sanders. And her mother was born in 1844, Greene Twp., Jay Co., daughter of Nathan and Lydia (Thomas) Perry, both born Ohio and were pioneer residents of Jay County and buried at Pennville. James Sanders later moved his family of younger children from Jackson Twp. to Page County, Iowa where he died in 1905 and is buried in Hawleyville Cemetery in Iowa. *Submitted by Florence Shively Gause for Russell Myers.*

Myers

In the late 1700's, John T. and Sarah A. Cook Myers, along with their son, George, came from Holland, settling in Baltimore, Md. Sarah was the daughter of Jesse Cook and granddaughter of Henry and Mary Way Myers. Later, John and family moved to Pennsylvania.

George, born in 1795 and his wife, Mary McMillen, migrated to Adams County in the 1840's. An early settler, George, purchased 160 acres in Wabash Twp. in the SE quarter of section three.

Adam Myers, son of George and Mary McMillen Myers (b. 1831), gained an excellent knowledge of farming at home. He continued to farm after his marriage to Elizabeth Juday, b. 1834. She was the daughter of Henry and Anna Landis Juday, also early settlers in Jefferson Twp. Adam owned 80 acres in the SW quarter of section ten in Wabash Twp. Adam and Elizabeth became the parents of six children: James, Andrew Jackson, Ruben, John, Ida and Cora. Elizabeth later passed away, and Adam married Della Garrison. They had one son, Rudy.

James Myers moved to Michigan. He married and had a daughter, Amanda.

Andrew Jackson Myers (b. 1856, d. 1928), married Mary Belle Hendricks July 9, 1885. Mary Belle (1870-1933), was the daughter of Joseph Alfred and Sarah E. Drake Hendricks. She was the first child. A.J. and Mary Belle were parents of eight children: Coral, Anna, Valetta Evelyn, Ella, Rosa, and Ethel K. Ethel is the only surviving child. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are buried in the Backsto Cemetery at the Spring Hill Church, in Adams County, near Berne.

Mr. Myers was a prominent farmer. He moved to Berne, Ind., Adams Co. in 1906 from the farm northeast of Berne. He engaged in the harness business, owning the shop. In 1908, he became owner of a meat market near the railroad. He later moved the business to North Jefferson St. where Dr. Edgar Sprunger now has his dental office. Mr. Myers

A.J. Myers Family
Front row: Ethel, Mr. Myers, John, Mrs. Myers, Rosa. Back row: Anna, Ella, Eva, Coral. Taken around 1912.

and family lived in the house north of the business on the corner of North Jefferson and E. Water St. The Pizza King stand is on the site now. Mr. Myers spoke the Holland Dutch language, that was the common language in Berne at that time.

Later, in 1918, Mr. Myers added groceries and dry goods to the meat market. A restaurant was added along with a soda fountain service. Daughter Ella was the cook and kitchen manager, while Ethel served the meals and managed the dining room. Both did duty as clerks in the store. Ethel remembered that she made twelve pies at one time before returning to work at noon.

The A.J. Myers had, in addition to their eight children, twenty-three grandchildren, fifty great-grandchildren, ninety great-great grandchildren, and two great-great-great grandchildren. *Submitted by Mrs. William Veigh DeBolt.*

Ruben Myers

Ruben (1858-1930), son of Adam and Elizabeth Myers, was married to Cora Galloway (1865-1928) on September 11, 1886. Ruben was a prominent farmer east of Berne, Ind. where he owned 60 acres in the NE quarter of section seven in Jefferson Twp. Cora and Ruben were active members of the Maple Grove Church, and were buried in the Crawford Cemetery. Their children were Nellie (1899-1975), who remained single and resided with a niece Vivian.

Clyde was married in 1919 to Opal Wagers (1899-1975), the daughter of Amos and Nancy Sims Wagers. They resided in Adams County. In later years Opal went to San Diego with a daughter. Clyde and Opal had four children: Vivian Miller Pherson resides in Decatur; Peggy Wilson, San Diego, Ca.; Patricia Wyse resides in Bluefield, Va.; and Robert Richard lives in Roanoke, Va. There are six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

John Myers, another son of Adam and Elizabeth, was a school teacher but died at an early age.

Ida Myers Goodman of Reading, Pa., daughter of Adam and Elizabeth, deceased, had eight children (one named George) and various grand and great grandchildren.

Cora Myers married a Mr. Barricks, all are deceased.

Rudy A. Myers was the son of Adam and Della Garrison Myers. He was married on May 20, 1916 to Esther Smith of Portland. They had nine children: Paul, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Raymond; Fred, whose history is elswhere in this book; Marjorie White; Rudy Jr., 1924-1963; Elizabeth Betz; David; Ralph, all of Jay County; and Wanda Hollowell of Ridgeville, Randolph, Co. Rudy was emplyed at Standard Brush and Broom Co. in Portland, and Rudy Jr. worked at Sheller-Globe Mfg., also of Portland. Both are buried in Green Park Cemetery, Portland.

Raymond A. Barkalow and wife have three children: Darlene Barkalow Lowe and husband, Shawn Wyant (9-12-1957), and Daniel Wyant (3-20-1960); Betty Barkalow and Richard Eugene Thomas have two children: Shannon Thomas Flewelling (2-27-1958) and Susan Thomas (11-5-1960); Priscilla A. Barkalow and March Durren have three children: March Harrison Jr. (4-5-1968); Megan (12-8-65); Chad (4-15-1968).

Raymond has three children and eight grandchildren:

Lester Lee Barkalow (10-8-1919) and wife have three children: Patricia (8-15-1938) and husband Allen, have two children, Tammy Allen Riggs has a son (she is married to Andrew Riggs, 10-1-1978); Michael Allen (2-18-1961). Derrick Barkalow has a son, John Derrick (5-15-1977). Walter J. Barkalow (5-18-1948) has a son, Mitchell (2-13-1973). Lee Barkalow has four grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Evelyn Barkalow (7-22-24) and Willard Greynolds have two children and two grandchildren. Larry Greynolds (1-20-50) and Cathy Greynolds (2-13-54) and husband, Mr. Block, have two children, David (3-2-72) and Bradley (7-15-75). *Submitted by Ethel DeBolt.*

Ella Myers

Ella Myers (10-26-1895 to 6-1972) was married on June 1, 1921 at 6:00 a.m. to Victor Lewis Long at the bride's. They lived at Painesvile, Ohio. Ella was the top underwriter for the New York Life Insurance Co. Victor was a draftsman in the construction business. He was a veteran of W.W. I. He built their own home, putting every nail in the house.

Rosa Myers

Rosa F. Myers (12-5-1898 to 6-21-1975) married Luster Liby (8-12-1899 to 4-16-1970). They had four children: Marcella, m. Leonard Steininger; Luster II; Marlene, m. Paul Brueck, all of Michigan; and Roscoe of California. There were thirteen grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren, and one step-great grandchildren.

Raymond worked for his father-in-law, A.J. Myers, as a clerk and meat-cutter. Later he, with his family, moved to Three Rivers, Mich.

Marcella and Leonard have four children: Connie, married Edwin Reeser. They have four children: Eddie Dee, Pattie, Sheri, and Pammie; Karen, married Don Paul. Their children are Diana, Penny and Kevin; Maxine and Fred West married and their children are Tonya and Grant; Sharlene married Ben Stiltner, their children are Shawn, Todd, and Troy.

Luster Andrew Libby married Dorthea Foster, and had five children: Raymond Luster; Rose Mary; Raymond Albert; James Milton; and Brenda Louise. The children are scattered, some in Michigan, the others in Florida.

Rodney married Sharon, no living children. Rose Mary married Douglas Hunter. Their children are twins Marc and Michael, and Nicole.

Raymond married Bonnie Beulah Pennington. Their children are: David, Lisa Marie, and Carol. Carol has two children, Marie Gray and Dennis Gray.

James married Judy ________. Their children are Mathew, Angela, and Michael.

Brenda married Jack Rentfrow. They have two children: Amy (1977), and Corey (1981).

Luster's second marriage was to Maude Blackman Daugherty. She has two sons, Charles Robert and John Alvin Daughtery. Charles married Marcia Moellering. They have three children: Lynn, James, and Stephen Michael Daugherty. Charles' second wife is Judy Patterson.

Marlene and Paul Brueck have two children. Steven, who married Libby ________. Their children are Caleb and Richard. Steven is a missionary in Africa. Stanley married Dorothy ________. Their children are Anita and Tonya. All live in Michigan.

Roscoe Gene Libby married June Morris and their two children are: Allen, who married Marcia, and have three girls and Barbara married Robert Oom. They live in California with their daughter. *Submitted by Ethel DeBolt.*

James W. Myers

James W. Myers born in March 1936, in Jay County to Russell and Bonnie (Miller) Myers, graduated from Poling High School, and has been with Hardy Chevrolet Sales since 1961 where he is parts manager.

He was married to Patricia J. Manor, a surgical nurse at the Jay County Hospital. They are parents of three daughters, Beverly b. 1960, a graduate of Jay Co. High School. She is married to Dale Schwartzkopf. Julie b. 1964 is a junior in high school, and Jennifer b. 1971, is a fourth grader in Judge Haynes school.

Both James and Pat have been involved with the school bands since Beverly started, in all band projects. This year Jim is treasurer.

Patricia was born in Greene Twp., Jay County, the daughter of Hubert and Mary (Houser) Manor. She graduated from Poling High School, and the Lutheran School of Nursing in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. *Submitted by Russell Myers.*

Ethel Myers

Ethel E. Myers (1900) married on November 19, 1922 to William McVeigh DeBolt (10-27-1895 to 1-8-1968), the son of David S. and Mary Hartsog DeBolt. They were married in the home of Ethel's parents, A.J. and Mary Belle Hendricks, formerly of Berne, now living in Jay County. Ethel and William had twin daughters, Luella May and Luetta Faye, born 2-9-1924. Luetta passed away on June 13, 1979. Ethel quit school when she was 14 in 1914 to care for her grandmother, Sarah Drake Hendricks. Her grandmother passed away in 1916. Ethel said she would not go to work in a factory for there was too much gossip that her sisters brought home. My father said he would put in a grocery variety store, and later added the restaurant and soda fountain. That kept she and her sister Ella very busy. She finished her schooling under her parents direction.

The entertainment of the family in those days, was gathering in a group around the piano singing gospel hymns, with the sister, Rosa playing. It was clean entertainment and the family enjoyed it. William Veigh lived in Adams County and served his country during W.W. II (1917-1919) with buddies from Jay County. He received excellent on his honorable discharge, and a citation from President Johnson for his sincere service, and courage, and character. William suffered permanent disabilities from his military experience. He was unable to farm or even continue with his job as underwriter for the New York Life Insurance Co. He wrote Christian sonsg, hymns and choruses. He was also a poet. He was devoted to his Lord. William and Luetta are buried in the Little Salamonia Cemetery on the Boundary Pike. *Submitted by Ethel E. DeBolt.*

Naas Family

The Naas family is a relatively new one in Jay County for George A. and his wife Erma came to Portland in the fall of 1935. They bought the Jellison house on South Meridian Street, just a block south of the Meridian Street bridge. They had come to Indiana from Cohocton, New York and had first lived in Sunman, Indiana.

Their only son, Maxwell N. Naas and his wife Cornelia (Schuster) Naas came to Portland also in 1935. They built a new home at 514 East High Street, moving there in November of 1936. This house was sold later to the Asbury United Methodist Church for its parsonage. The Naases moved to their newly built home on South Meridian Road in 1952.

Under the leadership of George and Max, Naas Foods bought and remodeled the old Muncie-Portland Traction building just west of the city and moved their offices here as well as starting the canning operation.

The Naas family history goes back in the nation to before the Revolutionary War. Solomon Woodruff, the great grandfather of Erma Naas was the first white settler in Livingston County, New York. His ancestors go back to some who settled along the Connecticut River in 1640. The Neff side goes back to the Neff's who first settled in Pennsylvania and then came to New York State in the early 1800's. The Naas family members came to this country from Germany about 1840.

The Schusters (maiden name of Cornelia) also came to the states from Germany about 1840, finally settling near Miamisburg, Ohio. Cornelia's maternal grandmother, Philora Sailors White came from LaFontaine, Indiana, and her heritage goes back to England. The Whites were very early settlers from Virginia, coming to Indiana via Kentucky.

Max attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, the oldest engineering school in the country, for 2½ years and graduated from Columbia University School of Business in New York City in 1929. He joined his father's firm, Naas Foods, right after his graduation from college. He has served as president and now as chairman of the board of the company. In 1970 he became president of the National Canners Association, being the first canner from Indiana to hold this office. Max has been very active in the work of the First Presbyterian Church of Portland, serving as a trustee for a short while and for many years as an Elder. His other affiliations include Rotary Club, Country Club, treasurer of the Portland Foundation, member of the Airport Commission and on the Board of Directors of the Boy's Club.

Cornelia, a graduate of Ball State University, was very active in civic and church affairs during the school days of her children. In the church she served as Deacon, Elder, choir member, Sunday school teacher and was very active in the Womens Associaiton. Both Max and Cornelia are life members of the Jay County Historical Society. They had two daughters; Lydia Philora, born in 1936 and Sarah Cornelia, born in 1939. Both graduated from Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts and both later earned Masters degrees; Lydia from Northwestern University and Sally from Radcliff College.

Sally married Peter W. Mauger of Short Hills, New Jersey in 1962. Their two children are William Maxwell, a senior at Jay Co. High School and Margaret Lydia, a freshman. Peter is president of Naas Foods, Inc.; and he served as president of the Hospital Board during the period when the new Jay Co. Hospital was being built.

Lydia married Richard (Dick) Raunecker of Jamaica, New York in 1965 and they settled in Hackensack, New Jersey where their son Charles Hugh (Charlie) was born in 1968. Later that year they moved to Portland where Dick became chief engineer for Naas foods. In 1970 their daughter Sarah Cornelia was born. Both these children now make their home with the Mauger family as Lydia passed away in December of 1978 and Dick just four months later. Both Lydia and Dick were very active members of the Jay Co. Historical Society; and Dick gave many antiques for the museum. *Submitted by Max Naas.*

Byron D. Nesbitt

Byron D. Nesbitt was born in Rensselaer, Ind. on January 21st, 1921, the son of E.D. and Ann Wartena Nesbitt.

Bryon was a forward on the basketball team at Rensselaer High School, and graduated valedictorian of his class in 1938. He attended Indiana University where he met Margie Lee Buckmaster, daughter of True and Marie Gregory Buckmaster, residents of Portland, Ind. Byron was a member of the freshman honorary and also the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Margie was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Margie was elected Beauty Queen, and Arbutus Queen (yearbook) at Indiana University in 1940. Margie has also been a member of the Delta Theta Tau for many years, tho she is inactive at this time.

Byron and Margie moved to Dayton, Ohio where Byron was employed as a salesman for the Sheffield Corporation, a precision gage company. Their son Jan was born in Dayton, Ohio August 17, 1942, and their son Robert was also born in Dayton October 2, 1943. The family was transferred to Chicago by the company in 1944.

In 1946 they moved to Portland, and Byron joined his father-in-law, True Buckmaster, in the insurance and real estate firm. This firm subsequently became incorporated as Buckmaster-Nesbitt, Inc. Julie Nesbitt was born in Portland July 5th, 1952, Elizabeth Nesbitt was born also in Portland on November 20th 1963.

Byron served on the board of directors of the Peoples Bank in Portland for several years. He served as president of the Portland Foundation, was a past president of the Lions Club.

Margie served as a deacon of the Presbyterian Church, and was active in the Womans Organization. She also helped publish the Church's Newsletter. She is presently serving on the Jay County Arts Council Board of Directors.

Jan Nesbitt married Mary Lucinda Van Dyke. They are parents of Michael E. Nesbitt, Jill S. Nesbitt, and Lucinda S. Nesbitt. Jan is vice-president of the insurance and real estate firm, Buckmaster-Nesbitt Inc. Mary is a supervisory nurse at the Jay County Hospital.

J.A. Buckmaster in Main Street Office, Portland.

Robert S. Nesbitt is practicing law in Rensselaer, Indiana with the law firm of Nesbitt, Fisher, Daugherty, Nesbitt. He is married to Kathy Claseman. Kathy is a teacher. They are parents of Heather and Mandy.

Julie A. Nesbitt married Bryan Boettger. They live in Olympia Fields, Illinois. Julie is diabetic supervisor of a Chicago School District. Bryan is vice-president of Columbia Steel Company, Chicago.

Elizabeth is a student at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.

Bryon Nesbitt died January 8th, 1982. *Submitted by Margie Nesbitt.*

Chris Nibarger

This is taken from News and Sun, Thurs., Jan. 30, 1969, reprinted from Historic Tales of Richland Twp. by James Walter Fiers some time in 1940.

One and one half miles west of Red Key the road running west from Main Street crosses a low, wet, swampy tract of land presently called (Nibarger's Hill). In pioneer days this tract was covered by a growth of tall swamp grass and surrounded by dense thickets of underbrush. Dunreith Ott, who settled there in early times used to say "Zounds, man! When I settled here the woods was so thick you couldn't stick a butcher knife into it."

This is the land Chris Nibarger traded his horse blanket and bridle for sometime in the early 1850's.

Chris Nibarger was born of parents of German ancestory around the year 1828. The family came to America around the year 1846. The parents decided to return leaving the 18 year old lad in America to make his own life. He soon had a job working as an apprentice cooper (barrel maker) for a man near Xenia, Ohio.

It isn't clear how he got to Anderson, Ind. where he was married to Anna Abbot Harris.

As he was riding his horse with blanket and bridle he came up near Red Key, Ind. met a man and ended up trading horse blanket and bridle for 60 acres of of very swampy unimproved land.

After returning to his home he and his wife came up to see the new land. They were very disappointed and almost decided to give up on it.

They decided for the time being to stay in Red Key where they ran the old Red Key Hotel. This isn't the brick hotel. It

Jane Ellsworth in front of Nibarger's log house.

was an old frame two story building (still standing on West Main St.). It was then located on East Main on Halfway Creek.

They must have kept this hotel for quite some time as all their five children were born in the hotel in Red Key, Ind. They had: Alex, Reuben, Perry, Laura, and Ellsworth. Alex and wife raised three children to maturity: Ira, George and Ida (Ford). Reuben who went west as a young man settled and raised a family in Mo. Three sons and two daughters. Perry died by accident in Mo. leaving no wife or children. Laura Nibarger (Woods) married and had three sons, moved to Ohio. Ellsworth never left Jay Co. or the old homestead. He was at home as long as his father lived later buying the home place.

The first home built on the land was a small pole type shed house. They had planned on building a larger home but had to change and go east instead of west of the first house. The land after being surveyed was not exactly where they thought the lines were.

I don't know exactly when the big log house was built (two stories) but it stood until 1938. It was taken down as it was getting pretty well gone.

Ellsworth, the youngest son of Chris Nibarger, had six sons and one daughter, born and raised in this log house.

Chris died several years before his wife Anna. both are buried at Hopewell in Randolph Co. Also their son Perry lays by his parents there.

My Grandfather Ellsworth (Bud) Nibarger was married to Lucinda Jane Ford of the Hopewell community in Randolph Co. around 1896.

Seven children were raised to maturity of this union. All were born and raised in Jay Co. All have remained in the Co.; none leaving for a great length of time.

Ellsworth and Lucinda Jane (Ford) Nibarger are buried at Hopewell also. She died around 1924 at around 54 years and he passing on the summer of 1953 at 86 years.

Their children were: Chester, James, Pat, Herman, Joe, Suzy (Vore) and Frank. Chester, James, and Herman are deceased while the other children still live in Jay Co. They have 12 living and 3 deceased grandchildren, many great and great-great grandchildren; many of whom live in Jay Co.

Cleatus Nixon Family

The farm where Cleatus lives now was purchased in 1845 by Thomas Steed from Rachael and Tom McConnaugha; then late in 1870, the lovely forty acres of woods was bought.

This farm land was purchased by the Steed family—George, Silas, John and Mary Ann after the death of Thomas and his wife in 1893.

These Steed brothers were blacksmiths, machinists and mechanics. They operated a shop on the farm from 1890 through 1930 repairing farm equipment, steam engines, boilers, gas engines, autos, carriages and almost anything that could be repaired. They were very ingenious men and is they couldn't find a part, they would make a part to fit. One of them would make a pattern, take it to the foundry, have a casting made and then bring it back and machine the part to it. Part of their building is still being used today.

The first schoolhouse in Jefferson Township was located on the northwestern section of the farm. The teacher and the children traveled a blazed trail through the woods each day. The first teacher insisted on blazing the first trail and, not knowing how, did it in a circle. Cleatus' grandfather and another man had to redo the trail.

Cleatus' ancestor, Emanuel Nixon, was born in Jefferson Township in 1844. He married Malinda Steed in 1874. Thomas Nixon, their third son, was born in 1883. He and Bettie Brown were married in 1903. They had four children: Glen, Mary, Cleatus, and John.

Thomas was a carpenter and a farmer. He built many farm buildings in the southern part of Jay County. In 1935 he acquired his grandfather Steed's farm in Jefferson Township where the family lived and farmed until his and Bettie's death.

In 1958 the farm was sold to one of the heirs, Cleatus, who has continued to live there and farm. Cleatus was born in 1916. He married Helen Felix of Johnstown, Pa. in October 1965. Their son, Michael, was born in Aug. 1966.

The farm has been owned by the same family since 1845. During these four generations through improvements in fertilization and land care, the constant improvement in grain varieties, the upgrading of livestock breeds and the modernization of machinery and equipment, one acre of this soil will raise as much produce as three acres did in the 1920's. Also one man can farm as many acres and do a better job of it than ten men did at the turn of the century.

The house is the original house altho it has undergone many changes; the framework and the size of most of the rooms are the same. *Submitted by Cleatus Nixon.*

Dr. Jesse E. Nixon Family

Dr. Jesse E. Nixon was a descendant of a long line of English Quakers who moved from England to Northern Ireland about 1682. In 1859 three Nixon brothers, John, Jonathon and George came to Loudoun County, Virginia. Although the family were Quakers, George and his son George Jr. served in the Army for short periods during the Revolutionary War.

About 1812, a son of Geroge Jr., William and his two sons, John and George moved with their families to Columbiana County, Ohio. After living there about twenty-five years John moved his family to Jay County, Indiana. The father, William, came the next year, 1837, and purchased 230 acres of land northeast of New Mt. Pleasant in Jefferson Township. These early settlers formed the first township government in Jefferson Township.

John had a son Joseph who was to become well known politically in Jay County, having served three terms as Township trustee of Jefferson Township and one term as Treasurer of Jay County. He was also interested in the Fair Association and served many years on the Fair Board. While Joseph Nixon was County Treasurer the family lived in Portland. It was during this period that Dr. Jesse E. Nixon was born (1875). Joseph Nixon was a farmer and cabinet maker but also active in politics.

Dr. Jesse E. Nixon taught school to earn money to pursue his medical education at Indiana Medical College in Indianapolis, Indiana. He completed his medical degree in 1904 and married Mabel Hiester in 1905. He began medical practice in New Mt. Pleasant but after a year or two moved to Ridgevile, Indiana. He came to Portland to practice medicine in 1910 and continued that practice until 1947 when he became ill and died in 1951. His wife, Mabel, died in 1961.

Dr. Nixon served in the Army Medical Corps in the First World War and was stationed at Camp Greenleaf, Chattanooga, Tennessee. He returned to Portland and again engaged in general practice but his real interest was in obstetrics. He delivered several hundred babies in Jay County over his long career. He also served the county as coroner and public health officer.

There were two children born of this union; Martha E., wife of Leslie Kinrade of Imperial Beach, California and Grace E., wife of Clarence Sommer, Batavia, Ohio. Two children were adopted; James Wallace, a resident of the Indiana Veterans Home, Lafayette, Indiana and Mildred Addington of Tipton, Indiana.

John Nixon

The Nixons are of English descent but our ancestors moved to Ireland where they lived for three generations. In 1758 John, Johnathan, and George, three brothers, moved from Ireland to America, locating in Loudoun Co., Virginia.

We are descendents of George, the youngest of the three brothers, who was born in Ireland in 1730. His son George married Anna Craven and raised a family in Loudoun Co., Virginia.

William Nixon, son of the second George, married Anna Myers in Loudoun Co. but moved to Columbiana Co., Ohio about 1812. John, his son, moved from Columbiana Co., Ohio to Jay Co., Indiana in 1836, and his father, William, with the rest of his family moved the following year, 1837.

Most of the early families were Quakers and came to America to escape religious persecutions in Europe. Many families of Nixons had moved here before our ancestors.

The original Nixon Homestead was located in Jefferson Township, now the present location of the Jayhawk Campground.

Three of the original Nixon ancestors came to Jefferson Township and homesteaded the ground in 1836. Two brothers remained and built a log cabin; the third returned to Columbiana Co., Ohio, to get the rest of the families. Sometime the following year, while cutting a bee tree, they heard a trumpet blowing and upon investigating they found it was the rest of their families.

In 1837 John Nixon, Jacob Sanders, and Peter Daily and others met and organized Jefferson Township. John Nixon was appointed the first constable. He was also a casket maker and farmer.

John and his wife Hannah had twelve children; Emmanuel, the sixth child, was the father of Thomas, Joseph, and William. They remained on the original homestead, farming the land.

Thomas and Bettie (Brown) Nixon were the parents of four children: Glen, Mary, Cleatus, and John (deceased).

Thomas was a farmer, carpenter and school driver. He rose early in the morning and built a fire in the small stove in the hack for warmth. In his horse-drawn hack he would help the children with their arithmetic on their way to school. In the rainy season four horses were needed to pull the hack.

Thomas' house burned in 1919 and he moved from Jefferson Township until 1935 when he purchased his grandfather, Thomas Steed's farm and lived on this farm until his death in 1954. All the Nixon's in and around Jefferson Township are decendants of Glen and Cleatus Nixon. *Submitted by Dick Nixon.*

The Nall Family

Jesse Haywood Nall, one of nine sons, was born in Hamilton Co., Ind. on July 5, 1870, to Mary Jane (Winningham) Nall and Willis A. Nall, who had migrated to Indiana by way of Ohio, from Randolph County, North Carolina. After Jesse was born, the family moved to Grant County, Ind. Jesse was the oldest of five living sons and when his father was no longer with the family, he took on the responsibilities of the man of the family. He was a strict disciplinarian, as he later became with his own children, and kept his four brothers in line. He was his Christian mother's right hand man. Jesse met Alda Lee Johnson who was born in Grant Co. Sept. 6, 1883 to Emma Jane (Futrell) Johnson and James V. Johnson, and fell in love. They were married on January 1, 1902.

Having chosen the ministry as his profession, he entered the White River Conference of the United Brethren Church at the Marion, Ind. First Church in 1902, with Bishop Ezekiel Kephart presiding. His first assignment was to the United Brethren Church in New Castle, Ind. in 1902. While serving the New Castle Church, a daughter, Emma Ruth was born on July 10, 1903, in Marion, Ind. Later in that year, Rev. Nall was moved to the Wabash, Ind. First United Brethren Church. While serving this church, he built a new church in North Wabash. In 1906, he was moved to the First U.B. Church in Redkey, Ind., where he served for eight years. While in Redkey, a son, Jesse Kephart was born on Feb. 8, 1907 and a daughter, Virginia Naomi, was born on May 27, 1913. In 1907, Rev. Nall was ordained in Anderson, Ind. by Bishop George Matthews. While in Redkey, he rebuilt the church. To supplement his meager income while in Redkey, he became a salesman for the Redkey Monument Co. owned by Joe Turpin and Carl Williams, and he remained a salesman for this company for several years after he left Redkey.

In 1914, Rev. Nall was moved to Portland where he spent the greater part of 30 years as a pastor.

His first church in Portland, with only 66 members was located on the Southwest corner of Ship and Race Sts. where now stands the home of Marian and the late James Abromson. This building had been purchased from the Presbyterian church when they moved to their present location at the corner of Arch and Ship Sts. just a block South.

A fourth and last child, Martha Louise, was born on January 27, 1916.

Under the direction of Rev. Nall and with his fund raising abilities, the cornerstone for the First United Brethren Church on S. Meridian St. was laid in 1916 and the structure was completed in 1917 at a cost of $40,000. This building now houses the Trinity United Methodist Church. It is interesting to note the art glass in the windows for this church came from Belgium and can not be duplicated today.

When Rev. Nall first came to Portland, the Portland church was on a circuit with the Center church for a few years and later the Collett and College Corner churches were added to the circuit. In 1922, Portland was removed from the circuit.

Rev. Nall was known for the special Rally Days for his church that were held at the Jay Co. Fair Grounds. There were always special speakers and special music and were well attended. Other events he was known for were his Sunday evening services with special speakers such as Howard Cadle of the Cadle Tabernacle in Indianapolis, Ind. who pretty well filled the balcony of the church. In his early years as a minister, he was an evangelistic preacher, traveling to various places in Indiana and Illinois to hold meetings. Another thing he was known for was his annual article, written for the local newspaper, urging people to remember the paper carrier with a gift of money at Christmas time. Rev. Nall loved people and children especially. He was known to buy an ice cream cone, or a candy bar, or sometimes giving a child a coin when he would see them in a grocery store or other places, with their parents. He was also an avid sports fan, fisherman and hunter.

As was the case with most ministers, it was difficult for Rev. Nall to keep his head above water financially, so he came up with the idea of getting merchants to donate merchandise to him so that he could hold an auction sale, thus supplementing his income so that his children could get an education. He did this for several years. Later he put out a book filled with advertising from many firms and merchants around the Jay County area and even a few places in Ohio. It was called the Annual Jay County Commercial directory. He would dedicate these books to well-known men such as Paul Jaqua of the Citizens Bank of Portland. In the book he might have a sermon or other information such as the U.S. Constitution. Rev. Nall had many weddings and funerals and kept a record of both.

Rev. Nall was moved from the Portland Church in 1943, back to Wabash, but he decided to retire. He was actively retired, serving as the minister of three churches in Wells Co. near Bluffton, Ind.

Mrs. Nall, having attended the academy at Fairmount, Ind. for only one year after completing elementary school education, decided to return to High School in Portland. She attended school while both of her younger daughters were in school, and not carrying a full load because of her duties as a mother and a minister's wife, graduated in 1934 in the same class as her daughter Martha. She later was very active in the Jay Co. organization of the W.C.T.U. and organized a group for the young people of Jay Co.

The Nall children were all graduated from the Portland High School. Ruth furthered her education in music by attending the Chicago Musical College in Chicago, Ill. She graduated from this school as an accomplished pianist. She spent two years as a music teacher in a girl's school in Sendai, Japan. She attended Indiana State Teacher's College in Terre Haute, Ind. so that she could teach in high schools in Ind. She taught in Ridgeville, and Mooreland, Ind. also Bettesville, Ohio. She later moved to New York City to work so that she could take advantage of attending opera, The New York Philharmonic and plays on Broadway. After leaving New York she was a house mother in a girls school in Montpelier, Vermont and then became a house mother in a girl's school in Buena Vista, Virginia before returning to Portland to live. At the time of this writing she is living in an apartment on S. Meridan St. in Portland.

Kephart was graduated from Indiana Central College in Indianapolis, Ind. and taught school in Sheridan and then Seymour, Ind. before coming back to Portland to live with his parents. Kephart was also an accomplished musician, playing the trombone and the piano, but in later years did not pursue his musical interests. In December 1981, he moved to The Indiana Masonic Home at Franklin, Ind. to spend the rest of his days.

Virginia spent one term of school at Indiana Central College and three terms at Ball State Teacher's College in Muncie, Ind., but because of the depression, quit school to work. While working as Cashier for The United Telephone Co. in Portland, she met Sam Lay of the Joseph Lay Broom Manufacturing Co. and they were married in June of 1936. They are the parents of four children, one son, Sidney, three daughters, Phyllis Ann, Linda Elaine, and Dianne Louise. Virginia, at this writing, is helping her husband at the Joseph Lay Co., Inc., in the office.

Sidney Lay lives in Ft. Wayne. He is a salesman for hearing aids. He has four children. Phyllis married Arthur Brewer and lives in the mountains west of Arvada, Colo. She has four children and one grandchild. Linda married Larry Decker, and they make their home in Winston-Salem, N.C. They have two children. Dianne married Ray Plummer. They live in Warsaw, Indiana with their three children.

Martha, the youngest of the Nall children, received a degree in Elementary Education from Ball State Teacher's College and started her teaching career at Judge Haynes School in Portland. She married Joe Mendenhall from Ridgeville, Ind. in 1937. Joe became an Indiana State Trooper. They lived in Ridgeville for a while and were moved to Decatur, Ind. Eventually they ended up in Grant Co., Ind. For a while they lived on a small farm near Gas City, Ind. Martha resumed her teaching as an elementary teacher and later became a kindergarten teacher. While teaching, she furthered her education at Ball State and got her master's degree. Martha and Joe are the parents of three children, Jo Anne, the oldest, James and Judy. Martha retired from teaching at the age of 62 and became a very busy retired person with several hobbies to keep her busy. She and Joe are still living in Marion.

Martha's children are: Jo Anne, married to Bud Harmon with their three children in Kokomo, Ind. James also lives in Kokomo. He has two children. Judy, Mrs. Robert Worrell, lives in Hopkins, Minn. with their three children.

Rev. Nall died in May of 1958 after an illness of approximately eleven weeks. He was still having weddings in March just before he became so seriously ill. He would have been 88 on his next birthday. He is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Marion, Ind.

Mrs. Nall, after the death of her husband, had to have both legs amputated because of diabetes. After the second amputation, she lived in nursing homes in Marion for three years where she died in January of 1971 at the age of 87. She was buried beside her husband in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Marion. *Submitted by daughter, Virginia (Nall) Lay, from some facts and from memory, in December 1981.*

The Alva Norris Family

John Norris, son of William "Will" Norris, Adams Co., married Mary "Mollie" Cox and moved to a farm in Bearcreek Twp., Jay Co. in 1890, from their home in Geneva where they had operated a butcher shop.

Their children were: Pearl, wife of Melvin Shepherd. They had no children; Clara, wife of Roy Keller. Their children are Orville (deceased), Olin, Herbert and John (deceased); and Alva Franklin.

Alva was born April 27, 1880. He married Nancy Belle Engle, a resident of Wabash Twp., Jay Co. on July 27, 1901. For 21 years they resided on a farm in Wayne Twp., Jay Co. In 1922 they purchased a farm in Noble Twp. They were residents of that township for the remainder of their lives.

Their children are: Elza Owen, Leo Daniel, Freda Elnora, Mabel Idola, Mary Marciel, and Opal LaVonne.

Elza (deceased), a farmer of Wayne Twp., Jay Co. married Mamie Haffner on June 26, 1926. Their only child, Eileen Belle, married Wesley Hartzell who later died. Their children are Beth Ann who is married to Larry Landon and Roger Wlliam who is married to Joyce Hull. Eileen later married Kenneth Newell.

Leo married Mabel Miller on July 31, 1926, and is a retired farmer in Noble Twp., Jay Co. They have three living children. Ethelyn is married to Joe B. Glentzer. Their only child is Margaret Elizabeth "Meg". Lowell is married to Jeanne Jacobus. Their sons are Kevin and Timothy. Wayne married Bonnie Smith and they have two daughters, Julia and Elizabeth. The second son of Leo and Mabel, Leland, died as a small child.

Freda married Forrest Smith (deceased) a Noble Twp. farmer, on October 18, 1924. She has been a life-long resident of Jay County and presently resides in Portland. Their children are: Opal Irene, Harvey Keith, and Norma Coleen. Opal "Penney" is married to John Mertz, M.D., Indianapolis and has three children: Susan, Elizabeth, and John. Harvey, a Noble Twp. farmer, and his wife Ruth Ann (Likens) have two children, Harvey Keith, Jr. and Jennifer Leigh. Norma is married to Donald Hines and they reside in Wayne Township. Norma's children are Cynthia Lyn (Frakes) Ware and Frank Ador Missicana. Forrest and Freda had twin daughters who died at birth.

Norris Family, 1890. Alva, Mary, Pearl, Clara and John Norris.

Idola married Hascal V. Corle on October 7, 1933. Lifetime residents of Noble Township, they are now retired and living in Bellefountain.

Marciel married Dorwin Hunt who was killed in World War II. She later married Joe M. Smith. They both are now deceased. Their two sons are Joe Randall of Portland who is married to Cathy Jacobs and Clark Douglas of Indianapolis.

LaVonne, who married Gerald Flory, on February 28, 1942, resides on a farm in Wayne Twp., Jay Co. They have one daugher, Nancy Diana, who is married to Phillip Strait, Noble Twp.

Norris

Mrs. Mamie Beatrice (Haffner) Norris is a resident on Road 50, Bearcreek Township. She is the daughter of William Riley Haffner and Dora Belle Mast. He was the son of John and Mary (Pearson) Haffner. The latter who was born in Ohio while John was born in Virginia. They were the parents of ten children. Dora Belle was born in Pike Township, the daughter of John and Priscilla (Corle) Mast. They were the parents of three children: Mary Ball, John V. Mast and Mrs. Haffner. Mrs. Mast came from Union County, Ohio and early became a resident of Jay County. Mr. Haffner was first married to Mary Holloway. To that union six children were born: Ida Farber, Della Milligan, Viretta Waltermire, Leona Hutchins, Leora Kendricks and Elmer Haffner. From the second marriage two children were born namely; Mamie Beatrice and Orville William. Mrs. Norris came of pioneer ancestry. Her father was a Civil War veteran. She is the youngest living daughter in the state of Indiana.

Mamie B. graduated from Bryant High School, Bearcreek Township in 1922 and Orville W. in 1918. Mrs. Norris attended Normal City College presently Ball State University. She taught school three years in the one room school with all eight grades, namely: Glenwood on Road 60, Mortimore on Road 40 and Rogers on Road 20. When she married she devoted her time to her home and church affairs.

On June 26, 1926 she married Elza Owen Norris. Mr. Norris, deceased since 1975. Orville never married. Elza was the son of Alva Franklin and Nancy Belle (Engle) Norris. His grandparents were John and Mary (Cox) Norris, Daniel and Mercy R. Engle. He spent his entire life farming and was active in community affairs. Elza had one brother Leo D. and four sisters namely: Freda (Mrs. Forrest Smith); Idola (Mrs. Hascal Corle); Marceil (Mrs. Joe Smith) deceased; and LaVonne (Mrs. Gerald Flory). The Norris family was native born Hoosiers.

The Norrises had one daughter Eileen B. She married Wesley Hartzell who passed away in 1975. She married Kenneth Newell August 1980. Two children were born to the

Hartzell's, Beth Ann and Roger William. In 1975 Beth was married to Larry Landon, son of Vyrl and Althea Landon. They have two children, Andrew Wayne and Melissa Ann. Beth is an R.N., working at the Jay County Hospital. Roger married Joyce Hull in 1980, the daughter of Richard and Lois Hull. They have a son, Joseph William. Roger is a farmer and works at Hull Bros., Fort Recovery, Ohio.

William North

William North came to Portland with his family in 1871. He bought a grocery which he operated for four years, then went into the lumber business which he continued until his retirement in 1919.

Mr. North was born on a farm in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, on April 15, 1838, one of the fifteen children of Jacob and Sarah (Delhousen) North, both natives of Pennsylvania. He went to school there, then learned the trade of a weaver in a woolen mill. After his father's death, he moved with his mother to Convoy, Ohio. Mr. North served as a volunteer in the Ohio Infantry during the Civil War.

In 1862 William North married Sarah Lare, who was born in Crawford County, Ohio. They had five children: Margaret; Delia, who married Edwin Hopkins and had one daughter, Marie; Etta, who married Luther Frazier, and had five children: Dr. Chester, Merle, Hobart, Harold, and Catherine; John, who died in 1872; and Will Lare, who married Fanna Cring and had one daughter, Mary Helen. Will L. North was first in the lumber business with his father; then was co-owner of the North-Frazier Tile Co., in Bluffton, where he lived at the time of his death on July 1, 1921.

William North was active in the early civic and business development of Portland. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank and served as a director for many years. He served on the school board and was one of the founders of the Portland Normal School. Mr. North kept his interest in the land and owned several farms in Jay County. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and the Masonic Lodge. He died January 15, 1922. *Submitted by Mary Helen North Gildersleene.*

Joseph Morris Odle Family

Joseph Morris Odle was born February 18, 1857, the sixth of eight children born to John Nelson Odle and Rachael (Kidder) Odle. They lived on a 59 acre farm near Windsor, Indiana where Joseph's parents started a tan yard. The farm supplied the special bark rich in tannin. The tree bark was bruised and cut into small pieces before placed in a vat with animal hides to be soaked and converted into leather. Joseph drove the horses to grind the bark into small pieces.

In the early 1860's, Joseph's father joined the 9th Indiana Volunteers to fight in the Civil War. In 1865, friends and neighbors of John Odle's family presented a petition to the army explaining the hardships of John's family of eight was undergoing. A short time later John was discharged.

On March 21, 1880, Joseph married Mary Adeline "Addie" Cecil, the daughter of Esra Cecil and Barbara (Wallace) Cecil. Joseph and Addie traveled from dawn to dusk to their first home, near Montpelier, Indiana, by wagon. The roads were rough and muddy with only three miles of gravel between Windsor and Montpelier. They had one tollgate at a cross road near Redkey.

Seated: Mary "Addie" Odle, Flossie Fern, Joseph Morris Odle. Standing: Inez Pearl, Carl Cecil, Lela Blanch, Zella May Odle.

Joseph borrowed forty dollars to have a carpenter ready the 12' x 24' house for plaster. The lumber was furnished by the carpenter. Joe dug the well and built a barn and small out buildings later. Their first furniture cost sixty dollars and didn't include carpet or rockers.

A few years later, Joseph and Addie sold this farm and moved east of Keystone, Indiana. Five of their six children were born here, Inez Pearl (Mills)(1881-1962), Carl Cecil Odle (1883-1949), Fredrick Clyde Odle (1885-1886), Lela Blanch (Wasson)(1887-1969), Zella May (Reed) born 1891 and lives in Dunkirk, Indiana, Flossie Fern (Wagner) born in 1896 and lives near Farmland. Fern was born on the two hundred acre farm on the Randolph-Jay County line after the family sold their farm near Keystone.

Between the years 1893 and 1901, Joseph and Addie purchased land in Richland Township near Redkey. In 1905, Joseph bought 100 acres in Pike Township where his son Carl Cecil Odle and wife Otie (Miller) Odle made their first home. Joseph and Addie helped each of their children start married life with 80 acres of ground.

In Carl and Otie's first home, three of their five children were born. Fenton Levelle (1907-1930), Truman Alvin (1909-1977), and Martha Frances, born in 1912 and lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Carl and family moved one mile east to the 140 acre farm, where twin daughters Mary Ellen (1920-1920) and Rosemary were born. Rosemary resides in Winchester, Indiana.

Truman carried on the farming in 1930's when illness prevented his father to do so until the farms were sold in 1975.

In 20 years of research by Fern (Odle) Wagner, it was discovered the first Odle came to America in 1635 from Bedfordshire, England. *Submitted by Vickie Leonard.*

William Orr

William Orr was born August 29, 1800 and died March 27, 1866.

He was seven feet two inches tall and weighed over three hundred pounds. His parents were immigrants from Ireland who settled in Pennsylvania and later moved to Marysville, Ohio, where William was born. He was married twice. First to Mary Orr, also a large person who weighed over three hundred pounds. They had three children, all of large stature: George, Abraham and Noah.

Noah was born September 19, 1836 in Marysville, Ohio. He was never married. He was seven feet two inches tall and weighed over five hundred pounds. Because of his size he joined the Barnum and Bailey Circus when he was seventeen. In later years he formed the Lilliputian Opera Company which toured the world. He never lived in Jay County but is a half-brother to Oliver Orr. He has many nieces and nephews living here.

William Orr's second marriage was to Elizabeth Brown in February 11, 1841.

Elizabeth only weighed ninety pounds and their children were of normal height. Their names were: Albert, Oliver, Aaron, Amanda, Mary, Anson and Joshua.

Oliver Orr moved to Jackson Township, Jay County as a young man. He engaged in farming and took for his first wife Nancy Webb. She gave him five sons before her death. Their names were: Charles, William, Harvey, Riley Noah and Asa Orr.

His second marriage was to Rosetta Elizabeth (Saxton) Orr. They moved to Pike Township where she gave him eleven children. Two died in infancy. The living children were: John Orr who married Mabel Worth; Harriett (Hattie), wife of Fred Kaderly; Katie Orr, wife of Alva Bickel; Robert Orr, married Goldie Lee; Perry Orr, married Elizabeth Dilts; Mary Orr, wife of James Cook; Estella Orr, wife of Herbert W. Lyons; Nancy Orr, wife of Walter Darby; Abraham Bryan Orr married Bessie Hughes. *Submitted by Faye Lyons Myers.*

Robert Ouwenga

Ginger Sue Beeks is the daughter of Robert Henry and Alberta June (Freemyer) Beeks. She was born on March 5, 1949 in Noble Township, Jay County.

She attended and graduated from Madison High School, Madison Township, Jay County, in 1967. She furthered her education by graduating from Fort Wayne Business College in accounting. She started working for the Marathon Oil Company, Findlay, Ohio.

On March 28, 1970 she married Robert James Ouwenga (born 6-12-1945) of Manteno, Illinois. He is the son of Donald and Hilda Ouwenga, Longview, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ouwenga are both employed by Marathon Oil Company, Findlay, Ohio. Ginger is an accounting analyst and her husband is an accounting supervisor. To further her education Ginger also graduated from Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio.

They are the parents of two daughters, Karen Renee, born March 18, 1975 and Carol Jean, born November 17, 1979.

The family resides in Findlay, Ohio. *Submitted by Ginger Beeks Ouwenga.*

Overholt

James (Jim) Edward Overholt was born in Chicago, Ill. on May 4, 1939, the son of Waldo and Ann (Lutz) Overholt. In 1961 Jim married Sharon Alberts who, like him now, lived in the southwest suburb of Evergreen Park, Ill. Sharon was born July 12, 1941 on her great-grandmothers 90th birthday; the daughter of Anthony and Vivian (Schultz) Alberts. Shortly after their marriage, Jim served four years in the Air Force with moves to Texas, Biloxi, Miss., Tampa, Fla., where Deborah was born on July 29, 1963, Tucson, Arizona, where David was born on January 30, 1965 and Sumter, S.C. After the service, Jim returned to work for National Tea Co. in the Chicago offices. The family settled into their first home in Chicago Ridge, Ill. and James Anthony was added to the family on June 22, 1967.

James Overholt's home, built in 1977

After seven years, Jim accepted a position with Naas Foods, Inc. of Portland, Ind. and the family bought the house at 107 Rayburn Drive in Portland from Frieda Feely. They became members of the First Presbyterian Church. After two years, they returned to the Chicago area and resided in Schamburg, a community mayored by the old western movie singer, Chet Atkins. Michael Overholt was added to the family as son number three on the blizzardy night of January 9, 1977. That same year the Overholts returned to Portland, purchasing a lot from Lon and Sheri Racster on C.R. #114 just west of Hwy. 67 and hired Leroy Butler of Muncie to build their house.

Our house address is #1 Foxfire Drive. There are five houses on Foxfire Drive; we moved into our home on August 11, 1977. The Racsters moved in a few months before us and the other homes were completed within a years time. The land we are living on was once inhabited by Indians as evidenced by the numerous arrowheads still around. Older residents tell us the pond in front of our home was once fed by a natural hot spring. The Indians very likely hallowed the area for the supernatural spirits they felt kept the water warm.

Deborah Ann Overholt married John Franks in 1980 and purchased a home at 112 Detroit in Portland. On March 19, 1981 their first child, Adam Benjamin, was born. *Submitted by James Overholt.*

George F. Patterson

George F. Patterson was born January 23, 1869, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Patterson. They resided in Randolph County, Indiana and moved to an eighty acre farm two miles southwest of Westchester in 1881. When the family moved to Jay County there were hundreds of acres of woods dotted with small clearings. Portland still had mud streets and board sidewalks.

George Patterson recalled the first kerosene lamp that his family owned. His father brought home a kerosene lamp and the whol family gathered around to see the lamp lit. For some reason, the flame burned up very high. His father was afraid the lamp would explode and pitched it outside. The lamp was later retrieved and put into working order.

Mr. Patterson married Rachel Gillespie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gillespie in 1898. After his marriage, he farmed and hauled timber to the stave factory in Portland for $1.25 a day. His day extended from sun up till after dark.

George and Rachel Patterson were the parents of one son, Leo, born March 15, 1900. When Leo was about five years old, they moved to Noble Township and lived there until their deaths, Rachel died December 11, 1946 and George on October 2, 1967.

Leo Patterson attended the Metzner School, a one-room school in Noble Township. Leo Patterson married Sarah Bishop November 26, 1919, at the Evangelical Church parsonage. Rev. Zuber was the clergyman.

Sarah Bishop was the daughter of Edward and Emma Robinson Bishop. Sarah was born October 18, 1901. Leo Patterson earned his living by farming, working on the railroad and hauling logs. They always lived in Jay County. They were the parents of Herbert, Betty, Mary Ruth (died May 29, 1936 at the age of eight years), Wilma Jean, Virginia, and Ilene.

Leo Patterson died February 10, 1968, Sarah on March 10, 1976.

Herbert married Margaret Messner. They have four children: George E., Sandra (Luginbill), Mark and John. They reside near Portland. Herbert is employed by Jon Juillerat Trucking.

Wilma Jean married Harold Grile. They are parents of Michael, Wayne, Janice and Marcia. They live in Muncie where Harold is the auditor for Mutual Home Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Virginia's children are Sheri and Steven Snyder. They live in Portland. Virginia is employed as a secretary by Teledyne Portland Forge.

Betty works for the Kroger Company in Marion Indiana.

Ilene is an operation officer at the Citizens Bank, Portland.

George Patterson's great-great grandchildren are: Michael, Scott, and Jeffrey Luginbill, Angela and April Patterson, and Sarah Grile.

Carl C. Paxson

Carl C. Paxson was born in Redkey, Indiana on June 25, 1917, and died July 24, 1977. He was the son of Arthur Monroe Paxson, born June 25, 1867 in Penn Township and Eva Jane (Critton) Paxson, born Jan. 24, 1882 in Miami County, Ohio. Arthur and Eva were married on Sept. 15, 1903, in Jay County and resided in Redkey until Arthur took over the home place in Penn Township in 1929. Carl had two brothers, Frank James and Fred M., both of Jay County.

Carl married Mabel Eileen Hesher, daughter of William and Pearl Hesher, on Jan. 6, 1943. They had eight children:

Connie Bea was born Jan. 16, 1943, and married Thomas A. Michael, of Blackford County, on Sept. 14, 1963. They had five boys: Thomas A. Jr.; Brian Faye; Gary and Gregory, twins; and Stephen Carl. Connie is a dedicated housewife, residing in Jay County.

The second child, also a daughter, Donna Jean was born October 20, 1946 and married Robert E. Bense of Columbus, Indiana and has two sons, Jason Edward and Timothy Robert. Donna graduated from Ball State with a B.S. in Education and an M.Ed. from Indiana University. She taught school for several years in Columbus before becoming a full-time housewife, residing in Columbus.

The first son, Edward Jay, was born Feb. 13, 1948, who after graduating from Purdue joined the U.S. Peace Corp, working in Brazil, S.A. There he met and married Mara Nasciemento. They now reside in Lafayette, Ind. with their two daughters Lina and Amy. They had one son, Bradley, who died shortly after birth. Ed is a high school teacher in Lafayette.

Richard Wayne, born June 5, 1949, graduated from Purdue and taught school for several years. He married Betty Jane Myers from Crawfordsville, Ind. on Feb. 5, 1972. They have two sons, Mathew and Michael and one daughter Brenda. They now reside in Jay County and Dick works for Production Credit Association of Hartford City.

Max Duane, born Feb. 4, 1952, married Tina Kaye Duke of Jay County, November 7, 1969. They have two sons, Mark and Benjamin. Max works for Fenters Boneless Beef in Pennville, Ind. and resides in Jay County.

Raymond Dean Paxson was born on Jan. 8, 1954, and married Sue Ellen Rippy on June 8, 1973. They have one son, Daniel and one daughter, Angela Kay. They reside in Jay County and Ray works for The Federal Land Bank of Bluffton. Ray graduated from Purdue and taught high school for several years.

David Allen was born September 27, 1955, and married Flora Ellen Crouse of Dunkirk on Jan. 4, 1974. They have one son, Christopher and one daughter, Karla. Dave works as a counter maker for a firm in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and they reside in Jay County.

William Arthur, born October 23, 1958, married Tracy Ann Bowman of Blackford County. They have one son Jeffry. Bill also works for Fenters Boneless Beef at Pennville and resides in Jay Coiunty.

Carl attended the Pennville School, as did all eight of his children, as do many of his grandchildren. Carl worked most of his life as a plasterer, and was known in different counties for his craft. Carl was active with the Gilead Church, as are most of his children now, and served for many years as a director for the Jay County REMC. *Submitted by Carl Paxson family.*

Frank James Paxson

Frank James Paxson, farmer and land owner in Penn and Jackson townships, was born in Redkey, Indiana, son of Arthur (born June 25, 1867, died June 26, 1945) and Eva (Critton) Paxson (born January 24, 1882, died July 13, 1976). Arthur and Eva were married in Jay County September 15, 1903. They had four children: Elsie May, born March 2, 1906, died at birth; Frank James, born September 16, 1910; Carl C., born June 25, 1917, died July 28, 1977; and Fred M., born November 29, 1919. The family

Frank James and Helen (Dinius) Paxson

lived in Redkey until 1928 when Arthur bought out the other heirs and moved his family to the home place just east of Fiat in Penn Township. This 80 acres was part of the land bought by Frank's great grandfather, Joseph J. Paxson, when he moved his family to Jay County from Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1836. He established their home on this tract and it has been in the Paxson ownership from that date to the present. It passed from Joseph J. to his son Eli and then to Eli's son Arthur and finally to Arthur's son Frank. The Paxsons came to Pennsylvania from Buckinghamshire, England in 1682. Of the four brothers who came, James and wife Jane (Gurden) Paxson were Frank's ancesters.

Frank attended Redkey school until they moved to Penn Township where he graduated from Pennville High School in 1929. After moving here he farmed the land continuously from 1928 on, except for time spent in the service of his country. He also had a News-Sentinel evening motor route for six years before entering the service. He was inducted into the army January 15, 1943. He served in the 35th Division in England, France, Luxemburg, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia for 18 months and then served as a military policeman for 8 months in Germany and Luxemburg. He received the Purple Heart for injury at Mortain, France on August 9, 1944, but was back in combat the first of November. He was discharged November 17, 1945 and returned home to resume farming.

On April 23, 1948 Frank married Helen Lucile Dinius, born in Huntington County March 7, 1914, the daughter of Boyd Sherman and Eza Florence (Smith) Dinius. They bought 1½ acres from Frank's mother and built a Bedford stone house in 1949 and still live there. Helen received her B.S. degree from Ball State in 1935 and her M.Ed. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1941. She taught home economics and business subjects in high schools of Ohio and Indiana for 38 years, the last 23 in Pennville High School, retiring at end of school in 1975.

Frank and Helen have one daughter, Sue Ellen, born February 28, 1951. She received her B.S. from Ball State in 1973, her M.Ed. in Art Education from Herron Art Institute in 1979; and took work toward an M.F.A. degree at Pratt Institute of Art in 1979-'80. She taught art in the public schools of Gary and Edinburgh for five years. In July 1980 she accepted the position of Staff Artist with the Jay County Arts Council, resigned a year later to further her education.

Frank and Helen purchased a farm of 112 acres in 1956; one of 160 acres in 1966; and bought the home place after the death of Frank's mother, so now own and farm 350 acres. They belong to several organizations and are active members of the Gilead Church of Balbec, a church built in 1864 by several of Frank's great uncles and their neighbors; the original building is still in use. *Submitted by Helen L. Paxson.*

Lloyd H. Paxson Family

The Paxson's came to America in 1682. Lloyd is a decendent of Benjamin E. and Sarah Mitchell. They were the parents of seven children. After Sarah's death, their son George moved with his father and stepmother, Abagail McNely, to Jay County, Indiana in 1847. George Paxson married Lydia Mendenhall. They were the parent's of William Oliver, who married Mary Ann Garrett, Sarah, wife of (Ulys) Garrett, Walter and Mattie. Mattie, wife of Frank Cline, Knox Twp., grandparents of Frank E. Cline of Noble Twp. Walter married twice losing his first wife Martha Ogan and two daughters to a death from tuberculosis. He married Laura Laird James in 1913. Walter Paxson was born in 1866 and died 1926. He farmed, and was known for his orchards. He also was a photographer. He was an officer in the state Grange. An active church member. He passed from this life when Lloyd was only five years of age. Lloyd lives today in the home where he was born in Penn Twp. and the land has been in the family for over a century. Lloyd took an interest in farming at an early age helping his mother and working for neighbors. Soon after graduating from Pennville High School his mother passed away and for a short time he lived and worked for the town of Pennville. In 1942 he and his wife, the former Violet Horn of Knox Twp., moved to the farm where he farms and practices soil conservation and land improvement. Lloyd is a member of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, has served as a Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher, trustee, conference lay delegate, and is a certified lay speaker. He is a member of the Gideon International, and the Pennville Lions Club. He was trustee of Penn Twp. from April 15, 1957 to December 1966. While trustee, he was vice president of Eastern Indiana Trustee Association. He served as County Commissioner from 1969-1977. He was on the Board of Directors of the Farmers Mutual Insurance of Jay County, Chairman of the Penn Twp. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation, and chairman of the Jay County Soil and Water Conservation Service. He served as chairman of the Advisory Committee Jay County Hospital and is now chairman of the Jay County Hospital Memorial Trust Fund. Many other committees and boards has he served on to build a better community and county in which to live.

The Paxson's raised four children: Patricia, wife of Ted Harold, live in Pennville. They have three daughters: Laura Rees of Redkey, Becky and Valerie at home; Walter married to Barbara Wiley, daughter of Mark and Florence Wiley of Noble Twp. They have three adopted children: Maria, Marcus and Darla, and live in Ohio; Ronald Paxson married to Carol Christman. They live in Pennville. Ronald works for Fenters Boneless Beef. They have two sons, Jason Lloyd and Lance; Loretta, wife of Ralph Frazee of Pennville. They have two children, Craig and April.

Lloyd and all the children were educated in Pennville Grade and High School. Walter is a graduate of Purdue University. The Paxson children are active members of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church.

The Pence Family in America

The earliest Pences (Bentz) came from Bavaria Germany in early 1700's to Pa. They were farmers, so they cleared the land and settled down to farming the fertile land they had heard about in Germany. They were industrious and thrifty, helped to establish Lutheran churches, schools and roads, married and raised large families, and helped to establish Colonial independence from England.

After a few years, they sold their land and moved south into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, where they bought large tracts of land. When the treaties with the Indians opened up the Ohio valley for homesteading, some sold their land and moved into southern Ohio. After the St. Mary Treaty, the northern part of Indiana was open for white settlers. George C. Pence sold his land in Fayette County, Ohio and came to Indiana in 1836. He bought 640 acres in Smith Township, Whitley County, and went back to Ohio for his family. He brought his family of wife and ten children, traveling overland in wagons loaded with farming and household necessities, food, clothing, and driving farm animals through the woods, streams and swampy areas, cutting down trees to get the wagons through. This must have been a discouraging task, and they did not arrive until the 17th of November. Housing was the first priority, so they felled trees and built their log cabin on the banks of Blue River in Smith Township. After reaching their destination, their hardships, trials, tribulations and privations were unabated until they had been here long enough to clear a few acres of ground and raise some produce. Wild meat they had in profusion, but staples were brought from great distances and at high prices.

An Indian reservation was in the northern part of Whitley County, and the early settlers had to always be aware of them stealing their livestack. Whitley County history relates a story about George C. Pence, who had lost so many pigs to the Indians that he was desperate. Hearing barking of dogs and squealing of hogs, he hastily took up his gun and started in the direction of the noise. When he reached the spot he discovered an Indian in the act of drawing one of his hogs, which he had killed, up on his pony. George fired at the Indian, but missed. The Indian abanded his booty, and giving a loud whoop, galloped away. Mr. Pence shot both the dogs and took his hog home. It was fortunate for Mr. Pence and all the white settlers in the vicinity that he did not kill the Indian and cause a general massacre of the whites in retaliation.

George C. Pence, born in 1791 in Ohio, married in 1812 in Ohio to Sarah Windle, born in 1792 in Virginia. They were the parents of the following children: Henry, b. 1812, m. Mary Young; Eliza, b. 1816, m. James H. Rousseau; Abraham, b. 1818, m. Nancy Buckalow; John, b. 1823, m. Sarah Stream; Mary Hazen; Absalem, b. 1824, m. Clarissa Van Houten; Catherine, b. 1827, m. Michael Zorger; Willis F., b. 1825, m. Mary Waugh; Elizabeth, b. 1829, m. John Van Houten; Joseph J., b. 1831, m. Susan Waugh; Jesse, b. 1833, d. 1843.

George C. Pence was one of the grand jurors summoned to serve in the first term of Court in Whitley County, Sept. 4, 1838, and his name appears as a petit juror in 1838. In 1840 he was one of the overseers for the poor of Whitley County. In 1848 he gave land for the third school house in Smith Township. He also gave land for the Blue River Cemetery, located across the road from the Blue River Methodist Church where he and his family worshiped. His wife, Sarah Windle Pence died Aug. 18, 1854, and she lies in this cemetery along with many of the Pences and their relatives.

George C. Pence gave land to each of his sons as they married, and after the death of Sara, he traded land in Whitley County for land in Iowa with his son Joseph. He went to Harden County, Iowa in 1856, and married Mrs. Caroline (Reese) Danger. He died in Iowa, June 15, 1866, interment in Rough Woods Cemetery near Eldora.

Anderson Pence, grandson of George C. Pence, was a resident of Jay County and is included in this history. Living conditions were much better when he moved here, but the trials and tribulations of early settlers were the same. *Submitted by Helen P. Jackson.*

Anderson Pence

Anderson Pence, son of Henry and Mary (Young) Pence, was born August 20, 1846 in Whitley County, Indiana. He was named for Anderson Parrett, a Methodist minister. Early in life, Anderson affiliated himself with the Methodist Church and lived a Christian life. He was a teacher of vocal music and lead the choir in the Blue River Church. His father was a farmer, and Anderson helped on the farm until he enlisted on September 12, 1864 as a private in Company G, 142 Regiment Indiana Infantry during the Civil War. They left Indianapolis November 18 for Nashville, Tennessee, where they were attached to 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, 20th Army Corps, Department of the Cumberland. He was in the battles of Nashville December 15-16, and was garrisoned at Nashville for remainder of war.

After Anderson returned from the war, he farmed land given to him by his father, Henry. This land was part of the original grant to his grandfather, George C. Pence, in 1836, which was given to Anderson's father, Henry when he married. Anderson also bought an interest in a sawmill. On June 6, 1869, he was married to Sarah Hazen, the daughter of Isaac and Rachel (LeFevre) Hazen, early pioneers of Whitley County. Sarah was born December 24, 1848 in Morrow County, Ohio. Anderson and Sarah resided several years in Whitley County. They were the parents of the following children, all born in Whitley County: Cassius, b. June 6, 1870, married Orpha Snyder of Whitley County; Noah, b. November 13, 1873, died in infancy (twin to Nora); Nora C., b. November 13, 1873, married Everett Stansbury in 1896. Everett was the son of George and Mary Stansbury of Pennville, Ind.; W. Wilfred, b. January 1, 1876, married Stella Graves of Columbia City, Ind.; Oliver Ervin, b. July 1, 1882, married Daisy Daugherty, daughter of George and Isabelle (Fifer) Daugherty, of Bearcreek Township, Jay County; Eva V., b. August 20, 1884, married John Kraner 1902, son of John O. and Maria (Macklin) Kraner of Adams County, Ind.

Anderson and Sarah sold their land and sawmill in Whitley County and bought 79 acres in Penn Township, Jay County, Section 29, on October 12, 1894. One acre in a corner had a school house. On October 27, 1900 he sold this land in Penn Township and bought 80 acres in Bearcreek Township. He cleared the trees from the land and farmed until he sold it to George Gierhart in 1919. In 1910 Anderson and Sarah bought Lot 1, Block 18, and Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 in Block 17, in Bryant. Here they lived the remainder of their lives.

Anderson and Sarah enjoyed their retirement in Bryant. Anderson had a large truck garden on Lots 5 and 6 where he raised most of their food. Lots 6 and 7 were in grass for their Jersey cow. They had chickens, bees and fruit trees. Their underground cellar was always loaded with canned food, root crops, cider in a barrel, milk and butter. There was a ready market for grandmother's sweet Jersey butter, which she traded for other staples. Their kraut barrel in the wintertime makes my mouth water to think of it.

They had a radio, powered by an old leaky battery, and I can hear my grandfather laughing over some of the antics of Amos and Andy. He had a piano-organ, and my sister Thelma played while grandfather sang songs, as he recorded them on the old round black rubber sleeves for his Victor graphophone. Anderson's prize possession was one of the first Ford cars in Bryant. In the late fall when the snows came, it went upon saw-horses and stayed there until spring, when it was time to go fishing. He loved to fish, and if the fish were not biting, he would pull his poles and wade in the Wabash for the carp lurking near fallen trees.

Anderson and Sarah went every August to the Pence Reunion at Tri Lakes in Whitley County. Many times I was included in this two or three day excursion, leaving Bryant before daylight, eating a breakfast grandmother took along as we stopped at a Lutheran Church yard south of Fort Wayne, and arriving before some of the Pences were up. The reunions were a great get-together for the Pences, and they continued until grandfather's sister died, two years after grandfather. On the 6th of June, 1919, all the brothers and sisters and the children and grandchildren of Anderson and Sarah Pence gathered at Bryant to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. One brother came from Washington state, and it was the first time I had met Great Uncle Willis.

Anderson and Sarah attended the Bryant Methodist Church, were members of the Grange Lodge, and Anderson was a member of GAR, James C. Jay Post #488 in Bryant.

Sarah died in Bryant August 29, 1924. Anderson married Mrs. Minnie Crampton who died in 1930. Anderson died August 21, 1931, 85 years and 1 day. Both Anderson and Sarah are buried with their many relatives in Blue River Cemetery, Whitley County, Ind.

The parents of Anderson Pence were Henry and Mary (Young) Pence, early pioneers of Whitley County, Ind. Henry was born January 13, 1813 in Fayette County, Ohio, and came with his parents and brothers and sisters to Whitley County in 1836. Henry's parents were George C. and Sarah (Windle) Pence. Henry married Equilla Gradeless in 1838, one of the first marriages in Whitley County. Henry and Equilla had two children: George, b. 1840 and Sarah E., b. Nov. 8, 1841. Equilla died Nov. 11, 1841. Henry married on April 20, 1845, Mary Young, daughter of William and Lucinda (Smith) Young. To this union were born 12 children: Anderson, 1846; Lucinda, 1847; Wm., 1850; Catherine, 1851; Willis A., 1854; Mary, 1855; Rebecca, 1857; Charles W., 1859; Martha, 1861; Elizabeth, 1864; H. Grant, 1865; Emma, 1867. Mary died 1874 and Henry died in 1892. Both are buried in Blue River Cemetery, Whitley County, Ind.

The parents of Sarah Pence were Isaac and Rachel (LeFevre) Hazen. Isaac, born in New Jersey and Rachel in Va. They were married in Morrow County, Ohio, and were early pioneers in Whitley County, Ind. where they both died. Isaac's parents were Samuel and Elizabeth (DeWitt) Hazen, married in N.J. The Hazen family are of English descent, with grandparents going back to the Governors of Massachusetts Bay Colony of 1630. *Submitted by Helen P. Jackson.*

Oliver Ervin Pence

Oliver Ervin Pence was born July 1, 1882 in Whitley County, Ind, the son of Anderson and Sarah (Hazen) Pence. He moved with his parents to Jay County in 1894, living first on Section 29, Penn Township and then on a farm on Section 14, Bearcreek Township. Oliver started working in the oil industry when a young man at Pennville, and continued in Indiana, Kentucky, and Michigan, teaming, drilling, owning drilling rigs and contract drilling for oil, and pumping wells.

Oliver married Jan. 19, 1902 to Daisy Daugherty, daughter of George and Isabelle (Fifer) Daugherty of Jay County. To this union were born three daughters: Thelma Isabell (Mrs. Claude J. Eaton), born Aug. 16, 1902, who lives at Rensselear, Ind.; Lola Alda, b. Apr. 4, 1904, d. Mar. 31, 1905, buried at Daugherty Cemetery, Jay County; and Helen Olene (Mrs. Leo H. Jackson), born Jan. 27, 1906, who lives at Bryant, Ind. Oliver and Daisy had four grandsons: James Lee Jackson, John, Donald and Glen Eaton, and two great granddaughters when Oliver died 1962. They now have nine great-grandchildren: Jane Ann, Barbara, Robert, Douglas and Sandra Jackson, and Monica, Eric, Wendy and Holly Eaton. All of their grandsons were in service to their country, James and Donald in the Air Force, John and Glen in the Army. Both Thelma and Helen are graduates of Bryant High School and Ball State University. Thelma taught school many years in several places, as she moved with her husband and family because he was a minister in the United Methodist Church. They are retired, and have a home at R.R. 5, Rensselear, Ind. Helen taught at a Business College in Fort Wayne, and is retired from the Post Office Department at Bryant. She lives at 207 N. Malin Street, Bryant. Oliver and Daisy also have two great-great-granddaughters.

Oliver and Daisy moved to Bryant in 1914, where Oliver owned a Star drilling rig and drilled for oil in Jay County. They maintained a home at Bryant, but lived a few years in

Oliver Ervin and Daisy (Daugherty) Pence—Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary—Jan. 19, 1952.

Michigan before retiring to Bryant. Daisy worked several years at Jay Garment factory at Portland.

Oliver was a lover of Standard bred horses, and owned and drove both trotters and pacers. He was always ready to discuss pedigrees and history of the fast ones.

On their 50th Wedding anniversary, Jan. 19, 1952, Helen arranged a surprise celebration at the Bryant School. Recognition was given to Oliver and Daisy at the Methodist Church service, and they thought the celebration was over. However, Grandson James Jackson, who was in the Air Force, offered to drive them home. But he drove up to the school and told them he wanted to see how the school had been changed, and to come along inside. When they went in, over two-hundred relatives and guests greeted them. A bountiful carry-in dinner was served, and a program given by the Portland Harmony Four. They serenaded the couple with old-time favorites, such as "Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet", "Bicycle Built for Two", "Precious Memories", "I Hold His Hand", "He'll Understand and Say Well Done". Donald Eaton of Pittsboro, also sang a solo for his grandparents.

Guests and relatives came from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. The honored couple received many beautiful gifts, flowers and cards.

Oliver and Daisy also celebrated their 60th Anniversary. They were honored at Bryant Methodist Church service with best wishes and handshakes, and a dismissal by their great-granddaughter, Jane Ann Jackson repeating the Lord's Prayer. A family dinner was served at Embers Restaurant in Portland.

Oliver and Daisy were members of the Bryant Methodist Church. Oliver died April 28, 1962, and Daisy died Mar. 25, 1970. They are buried in Gravel Hill Cemetery west of Bryant. *Submitted by Helen P. Jackson.*

Robert D. Pence

Valentine, born 1690, Bavaria, Germany migrated to Pennsylvania 1740, died 1761, Rockingham, County, Virginia, married Catherine Oberlin January 19, 1741, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Bought a tract of land on Cub Run, Rockingham County in 1747, known as "Little Germany". First settled in 1727. Children: Catherine, Jacob, Sarah, Barbary, John, Mary, Adam, and Henry.

Henry, born 1752, died 1834. Married Susannah ________. Children: Elizabeth, Barbara, Catherine, John, Jacob, Valentine, Mary and Henry.

Henry, born 1794 Rockingham County, Virginia, married Lucy Kyger March 10, 1820, died Feb. 22, 1859 Daleville, Indiana. Children: Polly, Lydia, Reuben, Rebecca, born Rockingham County. Levia and Catherine born Warren County, Tenn., came to Salem Township, Delaware County, Indiana 1837.

Levi, born Feb. 2, 1834, died Nov. 26, 1956, Penn Township, Jay County, Indiana. Married Susanna McMullen Oct. 8, 1858 at New Castle, Henry County, Indiana. Children: James, Dexter, Effie, born Henry County. Almedia, born Penn Township. Bought land in Section 9, Twp. 24 N-R 12 E in 1865, a great grandson: the Irl Walker family owns this farm. He also bought land at a tax sale in Blackford County, Section 18, Twp. 24 N-R 12-E in 1870, a grandson: the William L. Pence family owns this farm. Levi was a farmer. Taught writing school at Scott School, Nottingham Township, Wells County, Indiana. A contractor of draining ditches in the area.

Dexter (D.W.) Pence, born July 15, 1861, Henry County, Indiana, died July 9, 1945, Penn Township, Jay County, Indiana. Married Lucretia Smith Dec. 31, 1885 Portland, Ind. Children: Melissa (Della) and Lucretia (Zella).

Second marriage, Mary Elizabeth Souders, Harrison Township, Blackford County, Ind. 1893. Children: Leota, Flossie, James, William, Josephine, Helen, Warren, and Howard. Occupations: rig builder, farmer, carpenter and brick mason.

William L. Pence, born Aug. 5, 1899, Blackford County, died May 22, 1980. Married Ruby L. Ellis Oct. 6, 1920, Portland, Indiana. Children: Robert D., Russell, Wilma, Mary and William J. Lived and farmed in Penn Township 1923-1949. Moved across road to Blackford County.

Robert D. Pence, born July 28, 1921, Penn Township. Married Mildred Clark May 23, 1941 of Montpelier, Indiana. Joined National Guards at Portland, Indiana 1939, activated Jan. 1941 to Camp Shelby, Mississippi anti-tank company 152nd Infantry 28th Division. Transferred to M.P.'s 1942. Left for Middle East April 1943. Received discharge October 17, 1945. Returned to farm in Jay and Blackford counties. Retired Production Manager from Indiana Box Corporation, Montpelier, Ind. March 21, 1980. Now living in Montpelier.

Max Peters

Dr. and Mrs. Max Peters are residents of Redkey. He is a well-known veterinarian and operator of an animal clinic at their home. Mrs. Peters was formerly Barbara Verro of Colorado. She and Max Peters were married in 1933. Max graduated from Redkey High School and Ohio University. They are parents of two children, Sharon and Michael. After attending college and Max serving in the U.S. Air Force, the Peters family returned to Redkey in 1946.

Dr. Max was the son of Leroy and Blanche Robison Peters. Blanche was a native of Clinton County where she was born in 1893. Leroy was also born in Clinton Co. in 1893. In August 1912, Dr. and Mrs. Leroy Peters moved to Redkey after his graduation from Indianapolis Veterinary College. They resided on W. Main Street in Redkey. They were parents of two children, Dr. Max in 1913, and Wilma J. in 1921. Dr. Leroy practiced veterinary medicine for 57 years.

Peterson

John Peterson was the earliest resident ancestor of the present Peterson family now living in Jay County. John was born January 8, 1838 in Licking County, Ohio, the son of John and Elizabeth (Waters) Peterson. He was known to have three siblings: Samuel (circa. 1823-May 31, 1855); Joseph (circa. 1826-April 15, 1899); and Nancy (no information). Little is known about John's parents or brothers and sister, and according to oral tradition there was little contact between John and his family living in Licking County during later years. Apparently brother Joseph lived near home. According to cemetery records he died near Delaware, Ohio at age 73. The 1860 census of Ohio gives his wife's name as Eliza and his occupation as that of a blacksmith. No information as to date has been found on John's sister Nancy.

However, John's brother Samuel, played a somewhat larger role in John's life and consequently on the history of John's descendants. Samuel, at some point moved to Jay County and John either came with him or later joined his older brother. John was probably in his early or mid teens at the time he came to Indiana. Records indicate that Samuel purchased land in New Mt. Pleasant from Jacob H. Sanders but died shortly afterwards in 1855 at age 32. He was survived by his wife Phebe and four children: Newton, aged nine; Emily, aged seven; Mary E., aged five; and John F., aged three. He was buried in Jefferson Township in the New Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

The first record of John's residence in Jay County comes from a document filed a month after Samuel's death in 1855. The document requested that a guardian be appointed for him since he was only 17 years of age, and that a claim be made against Samuel's estate for the amount of $148.76. Evidence shows that John probably stayed in Jefferson Township for the next several years, perhaps with relatives living there, but little is actually known about him during this time. On March 6, 1862 he applied for a marriage license with Margaret Jane Whaley who was to become his first wife. Margaret was born January 26, 1841, in Ohio, the oldest daughter of Levi and Sarah Whaley, a farming couple residing in Greene Township.

Levi Whaley was born in Kent County, Delaware on November 10, 1819 and on January 22, 1839 was married to Sarah Walker in Preble County, Ohio. Sarah was born in Bodylot County, Virginia on November 25, 1816, the daughter of Fredrick and Elizabeth (Hendricks) Walker. The Whaley's moved to Greene Township in 1842 where Levi farmed. Levi's parents, James and Margaret (Milford or Murphy) Whaley moved to Jay County in 1843 and lived near their son. They were both born in Delaware. Levi and Sarah became the parents of nine children: John Frederick, Margaret Jane, Elizabeth E., James L., Nancy Ann, George W., Mary C., Aaron M., and Phebe C. Sarah died on September 12, 1876 and Levi remarried in 1885 to Margaret J. Long. Levi and Margaret lived together for eight more years until her death on June 24, 1893. Levi died the next year on September 5, 1894. Most members of this Whaley family are buried in the Whaley family cemetery just North of the village of Greene on County Road 77.

The lives of John and Margaret Jane Peterson were somewhat disrupted during the next several years as a result of the Civil War. On October 6, 1862 John was drafted to serve in the Union army for a period of nine months. He served this time and returned home but was called back at a later date. He was a member of the Union army when the war was ended in the spring of 1865. In May of '65 John's unit was sent to Washington D.C. to participate in the victory celebrations. They were then reassigned to a post in Kentucky. John returned home sometime in the summer of 1865.

During the war years the Petersons became the parents of three children: Sarah Elizabeth, born January 5, 1863; James Levi, born August 11, 1864; and Joseph Milton, born December 14, 1865.

These children were only in their teen years when their mother died on January 23, 1880. Margaret Jane was buried in the Whaley Cemetery in Greene Township. John remarried in 1885 to Elnora Wells Noragan, a woman nearly 22 years younger than himself. Elnora was born in Pennsylvania and was the daughter of David and Anna (Stephens) Noragan. On July 25, 1891 they became the parents of a daughter, Ola.

The Petersons lived in several different locations in Jay County during the later years of John's life. They were residing in Redkey at the time of his death on December 22, 1925 at age 87. John was buried near his first wife in the Whaley Cemetery. Elnora moved to Kansas where she died on December 30, 1934.

John and Margaret's oldest child, Sarah, married William Dugan in 1881. They became the parents of four children, two of whom died very young. Sarah died April 26, 1940. Joseph married Frances Angeline Wagner in 1890 and they became the parents of six children, two of whom died as infants. Joseph died December 1, 1956. Ola Peterson, the daughter of John and Elnora Peterson, married Herschel S. Whaley in 1917 and they became the parents of five children. Ola died May 26, 1979.

James Levi Peterson was the oldest son of John and Margaret. James is instrumental in the family's history by virtue of the fact that all persons bearing the Peterson surname now living in Jay County are his descendants. James was born August 11, 1864. In 1892 he married Maggie Miller who was born March 16, 1872, the daughter of Abraham and Cyntha (Gibbs) Miller.

Both Abraham (1840-1918) and Cyntha (1849-1928) were born in Ohio but had been natives of Jay County since childhood. They are each listed in the 1850 census along with the respective members of their families.

Records indicate that James purchased land from his grandfather, Levi Whaley in 1893, so it is assumed that he began his farming career soon after his marriage. James and

James and Maggie Peterson with three oldest children: Roxie (st. in back), Russell (st. in front), Harry Jay (on lap).

Maggie also began their family during that spring. Their children are listed as follows: Roxie, born 1893; Russell, born 1900; Harry Jay, born 1902; Lucibelle, born 1905; John, born 1907; and Fred, born 1912. These children attended the Oak Grove school located in Knox Township. James Levi died on August 29, 1930 in his Knox Township home after being ill for several weeks. His obituary states that "the deceased was one of Jay County's best known farmers, having spent nearly his entire life in the community in which he died." The burial took place in the Claycomb Cemetery. Maggie lived until 1960 when she died at her daughter's home in Dunkirk on September 16. At the time of her death she had 24 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Hopewell EUB Church.

Roxie married Elza Hoagland and they became the parents of eight children. Roxie died in 1976 in Jay County. Russell (Bill) was married to Dorothy Fishback and they became the parents of six children, one of whom died in infancy. Russell died in 1957. Harry Jay married Gleah Hiatt and together they had five children. Harry died in 1955. Lucibelle, the Peterson's youngest daughter, died in 1922 at age 17 after an extended illness. John married Zelma Dill and together they raised four children. John died in 1973. Fred was married to Mildred Urick and they had two children. Fred died in 1969.

Harry Jay Peterson, the third child of James Levi and Maggie (Miller) Peterson, represents part of the third generation of Petersons to live in Jay County. In 1923 he was married to Gleah Hiatt.

Gleah also came from a family of long historical standing in the county. Her parents, Luther and Elnora (Shultz) Hiatt, farmed in Greene Township and raised a family of 11 children. Luther was the son of Jehu and Addeline (Starr) Hiatt, both of whom were second generation pioneers to Jay County. Jehu was a Civil War Veteran and a well-known farmer in Greene Township, near Center.

Harry Jay and Gleah lived nearly all their lives in Jay County. Harry farmed until 1942 when he began working for Armstrong Cork Company in Dunkirk. It was while working there that he was injured and later died on October 18, 1955 as the result of a "20 foot fall off a railroad trestle onto a cement platform". The Petersons were living on a Knox Township farm at the time of the accident. Gleah later moved into Dunkirk where she still resides.

Peterson Family
Front: Harry Jay, Gleah (Hiatt). Back: John, Patricia Joan, Paul Gene, James, Harry Jr.

Harry Jay and Gleah Peterson raised a family of five children: Harry Jay Jr., born 1923; James Ervin, born 1926; Paul Gene, born 1930; Patrica Joan, born 1931; and John Earl, born 1934.

Harry Jay Jr. married Glendoris Jean Dunnmoyer and together they became the parents of two children and presently hav six grandchildren. Harry Jr. died in 1975 in Muncie, Indiana. James married Jacquin Sue Morrow in 1948 and they currently reside in Portland. They are parents of five children and have one grandchild. Paul Gene married Betty Bowser. They became the parents of three children, all of whom still live in Jay county. Presently they are the grandparents of five. Joan became the wife of Lee Nuchols and together they reside in Dunkirk. John married Patrica Bantz and later Annabelle Whetzel. He is the father of three children and the grandfather of two. John presently resides in Albany, Indiana.

James Ervin Peterson, the second child of Harry Jay and Gleah (Hiatt) Peterson, was born December 10, 1926 in Randolph County, where the family resided for a short time. During his early years, James attended elementary school at the village of Center in Greene Township. He later attended Portland High School and graduated from Redkey High School in 1944. Following graduation, James attended General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan for one year until he was drafted into the army in April 1945. He served in Japan and the Phillipines immediately following the conclusion of World War II as part of the occupational forces and received his discharge in December 1946 at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Upon his discharge from the army, James entered the Industrial Training Institute in Chicago, Illinois and in 1947 received a diploma in refrigeration and air conditioning.

On September 11, 1948 James was married to Jacquin Sue Morrow of Redkey, Indiana, the daughter of India Oma (Marsh) Morrow and the late James Carl Morrow.

The Petersons resided in Redkey for the first four years following their marriage. In 1952 they relocated to LaFountain, Indiana where James began working for Standard Oil Company. Then during the fall of 1957, the Peterson family moved back to Jay County and to Portland where they have resided at 504 West North Street for nearly 25 years.

In 1969 James formed the corporation of Jay Petroleum which is presently located on South Wayne Street in Portland. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Portland.

James and Jacquin Peterson are the parents of five children: Jennifer Jo, born August 31, 1951; Christa Ann, born February 13, 1954; Lonette Sue, born December 18, 1955; Lisa Lynn, born January 16, 1958 and Douglas James, born September 8, 1965.

Jennifer is married to David Hiebert and they currently reside in Scottdale, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of one child, James Morrow. Christa married Lyle Beach, also of Portland, and they reside in Bryan, Ohio. Lonette married Ronald Freeman and presently lives in Huntington, Indiana. Lisa is married to Howard Winter and lives in Edmond, Oklahoma. Douglas is presently a sophmore at Jay County High School where he is active on the track and cross-country teams.

The history of the existing Peterson family in Jay County

James E. Peterson Family
Front: Douglas, Jacquin, James Hiebert, and James. Back: Lyle Beach, Christa Beach, Ronald Freeman, Lonetta Freeman, Howard Winter, Lisa Winter, David Hiebert, Jennifer Hiebert. Christmas 1981.

stretches back to the middle of the 19th century and has since nurtured six generations. Through the years some family members have scattered to other areas but there are presently still 11 households in Jay County that carry the family name. In addition there are many other individuals in Jay County and the surrounding areas who are direct descendants of this Peterson line. *Submitted by Jennifer Peterson Hiebert.*

George Phelps Family

George Lemoine Phelps was born August 22, 1947 in Randolph County. He is the son of Bertha Mae Collins and Claude Phelps Jr., both natives of Randolph County.

George is one of the few surviving victims of the 1949 polio epidemic.

On August 11, 1967 he married Madonna L. Sanders, also a native of Randolph County.

George and Madonna are the parents of three daughters: Denise Lynn, born July 23, 1968; Stacy Elaine, born August 26, 1969; and Amy Beth, born May 25, 1972.

In April 1976, George and Madonna and their family moved to Jay County. They bought the 70 acre farm from Cecil and Doris Kennedy, formerly Doris Caldwell. The farm is located 1½ miles south of Pennville on the east side of State Road 1. After remodeling the barn and purchasing cows to make this farm a real dairy farm, George and his family had their work cut out for them.

In 1978, Jay County was hit by a blizzard making farm chores even more difficult. One morning during the storm the thermometer read -28°. During this time there were six days when there was not a single vehicle passing the farm. Dairy farmers were pouring milk down the drain, feeding it to other livestock and giving it away, because haulers couldn't get through.

Due to the financial crunch and the high cost of farming, there was a need for outside financial income. George started driving a school bus for the Jay School Corporation in 1977. One year later, Madonna started driving a bus also. People passing by usually note that the driveway is quite full and very busy.

In 1980 George put up the first cement stave silo and hay barn, hoping to make the dairy operation more successful and efficient. In 1981 the second silo was erected. With two silos and feeding floor this farm can be more efficient and versatile.

Poinsett

Treva M. Avey (b. 9/7/15) and Ernest O. Poinsett (b. 2/15/16), associated with Citgo Oil Co., were married November 7, 1936 and live in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Two children born to them: Dixie Elaine Poinsett (b. 3/30/39) married to David R. Shook (b. 10/24/38) of Press-Seal Gasket Corp. One son born to them, Gregg Alan Shook (b. 12/18/57). All three died in 1959 and were buried in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Cynthia Lee Poinsett (b. 5/25/50), administrative secretary, married to Donald Forrest Noland (b. 11/15/42), Attorney at Law, and live in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Two children born to them: Jennifer Lee Noland (b. 11/14/77) and Katharine Elizabeth Noland (b. 1/26/80). *Submitted by Mrs. Ernst Poinsett.*

The Poling Family

William and Anna Poling were born in Lauden Co., Virginia in 1772. Their parents came down from New Jersey. They were of English and Dutch ancestry. They then migrated to Alleghany Co., Maryland, with their parents where they were married in 1797. Later they moved to Randolph Co., now Balfour Co., W. Virginia. About 1808 they moved to Jackson Twp., Perry Co., Ohio. Other members of the family had settled there two years before.

In 1819, they aquired 120 acres in Rush Creek Twp. near Fairfield, Ohio. Adam and Anna were parents of twelve children, nine sons, and three daughters. William died in 1836. He is buried in the old Poling Cemetery, in Jackson Township, Perry Co., Ohio. His wife, Anna, sold the farm in 1841. Her son, Samuel, had been to Jackson Township, Jay Co., Indiana in 1840. He had bought land there. He came back to Perry Co. and stayed until 1849. In the meantime, after the sale of the farm, four other brothers had come to Jay County. William, Andrew, Richard and David had purchased the land in the vicinity around the crossroads later known as Poling.

At one time there was a school house, blacksmith shop, and store-post-office. After a long while, there were remanents of a filling station, and three or four houses. The Polings had all died off, the younger generations had moved away. Richard and his family had gone back to Ohio in 1845.

William and Andrew had died suddenly in 1841, the cause unknown. Rebecca, widow, sold the chattels and moved back to Ohio. Later, she married, and sold William's land also, in Jay County. William and Rebecca had three children: Philip, Israel, and Anna. Andrew was not married at his death. Anna, their mother, was named executor of the son, Andrew's estate. Records show that she made two trips to Jay County to settle the estate, and she charged $120.00.

The land sale brought $300.00.

She had traveled over 200 miles by wagon or horseback. She later bought land in Jay County and deeded it to her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Isiah Poling in return for caring for her the rest of her life.This was in 1850. In 1857, Isiah died, and her son Samuel put in a bill of $25.00 against Isiah's estate to pay for Anna's funeral expense. Mary later married Valentine Bone. I have not been able to find William, Andrew, or Mary's graves. Samuel later moved to Illinois. His son, William, lived all his life in Jackson Twp. He was a Civil War veteran. William had a son, Samuel, who carried the mail for many years out of Bryant into Jackson Twp. William and Samuel are buried in Gravel Hill Cemetery at Bryant, along with many other Polings.

Isiah and Mary had two sons, Andrew and Ezra. Ezra was a building contactor, and built many buildings in Portland. Charles Poling, who works at Williamson-Spencer Funeral Home, is a grandson.

Anna's daughter Rachel married John Engle and lived in Jay County for a while. Anna's other children were Daniel, who lived all his life in Perry Co., Ohio, John and James in Hocking Co., Ohio. Martin, who lived in Fairfield Co., Ohio. Sophia, the other daughter, married Jacob Durand and lived in Hocking Co., Ohio. *Submitted by Clinton Poling.*

Charles E. Priest

Charles E. Priest was born in Jay County on February 23, 1892, the eldest son of Newton and Aurie (Stults) Priest. On April 6, 1912, he married Ollie Penrod who was born June 10, 1891, in Lewis County, Kentucky. Ollie was the daughter of C.C. and Mary L. (Kelly) Penrod. Charles and Ollie lived on a farm in Jay County most of their lives, but for awhile Charles worked as a tool dresser in the oil field, did some barbering and ran a grocery. While residing in Jackson Township, he drove a school bus to both the Poling and the Pennville schools.

Both were active in community and church affairs. They belonged to Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. Ollie was a member of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, the Rebecca Lodge, the Home Demonstration Cub, and a charter member of the Jay County Home Demonstration Chorus.

Charles and Ollie were the parents of three children, all born in Jay County. Mary Leora was born June 6, 1913; Leah was born June 4, 1915; and Charles, Jr. was born February 17, 1918.

Mary Leora married Dwight L. Haines February 14, 1932. Dwight was the son of Roy D. and Mary A. (Hopkins) Haines. To that union were born two children: William L., born September 29, 1935 and Judith Ann, born June 21, 1941. Dwight and Mary Leora were both active in church and community affairs. Dwight has served as a scout master, was a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellow Lodges, and was a member of the Lions Club, serving in many offices. He worked in the dairy industry. His wife worked at the Peoples Loan and Trust Company for 16 years, held various offices in the Methodist Church and Women's Society, serving as a district officer for a number of years. She is also a member of Delta Theta Tau, the Eastern Star Lodge, the Federation of Womens club, and serves as president of the Auxiliary of the Methodist Home for Boys at Bashor. They live in Goshen, Indiana.

Dwight and Mary's oldest child, William, married Juanita Hotmire and they had five children. William is the superintendent of the Meadow Gold Dairy in Ft. Wayne. Judith Ann married David Gibson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester O. Gibson, and they had two children. They separated and Judith later married Donald Crumb. There were no children born to this latter union. Judith is employed at the Memorial Hospital in South Bend working in heart catherization.

Leah, the second child born to Charles and Ollie, married John B. Heller, son of John and Daisy (Brunson) Heller. They had two children: Bob, born February 4, 1934 and LeRoy, born March 7, 1937. Her husband worked at Shellers in Portland and later owned a dry cleaning shop in Redkey. Leah and John separated and she remarried to Dean Stults, son of Lloyd and Nina Stults. Dean was employed with the Dana Corporation in Marion, where they lived. In World War II, he was a petty officer in the Navy. Leah was a housewife and mother. Of their children, Bob married Maizie Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wright. They have five children. Bob formerly worked at Franklin Electric, Bluffton, Indiana. He and his wife now reside in Florida. LeRoy married Gloria Teeple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph I. Teeple. They have three children. LeRoy is a principal in the Elkhart, Indiana, school system.

Charles E. Priest, Jr. married Virginia Ropp, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ropp. They have two children: Thomas, born November 16, 1938 and June, born April 4, 1940. Charles, Jr. (better known as Chuck) and Virginia lived in Angola for several years and were very active in civic and community affairs. They were also members of several clubs and started the Tamarac Country Club and Ski Resort. While operating the ski resort, they traveled to Switzerland for ideas and equipment. Charles was a lieutenant and pilot in the Air Force during World War II. In recent years, he and his wife have resided in Wisconsin. After he left Angola, Charles started an Erecto Tube Plant in Harvard, Illinois, a plant to build airplane hangars. Charles and Virginia plan to retire in 1982. Plans are to live part of the time in Florida at St. Petersburg and part time at Lake James near Angola. Of their two children, Thomas married Jane Irwin and they have three girls. Thomas owns and operates a Micro-Film Data Processing Company in Toledo, Ohio. Jane married Richard McIntyre and they have three boys. June is a teacher in the Toledo Schools.

Charles Priest, the elder, died May 30, 1964. His wife, Ollie, died December 12, 1972. They are interred in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Pennville.

Chester O. Priest, the next to the youngest son of Newton and Aurie (Stults) Priest, was born January 28, 1899. He never married. After the death of his parents, he resided with his brother Charles in Jackson Township where he helped with the farm work. He worked for awhile at Naas Tomato Plant at Portland. Late in life, he resided in a small home at Balbec. Chester passed away on January 28, 1967, and was buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Pennville.

Isaac Priest

Isaac Priest, son of William and Nancy (Myers) Priest, was born June 10, 1823, in Jay County. He was a farmer, owning a 500 acre tract of land.

He was married to Mary Ann Grimes, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Grimes. Mary Ann was born in Frederick County, Maryland, on June 10, 1827. She and her parents moved to Jay County in 1843 to make their home where she met Isaac Priest whom she married. There were four children in the Grimes family, including Mary Ann, and Hanson, Washington and Henrietta (Prillaman) Grimes.

To the union of Isaac and Mary Ann, five children were born, namely: John, George W., Rebecca (Books) Priest, Chapman (who died at age three), and Newton.

Isaac Priest died June 29, 1887 at the age of 64 years. His wife Mary outlived him and died at the age of 96 on October 12, 1923. She spent her latter years living with her son Newton and his wife. Her funeral services were conducted on October 14, 1923, in the Union Chapel Church, Jackson Township, at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, with Rev. Eugene Hunter officiating. Burial was in the Union Church Cemetery. Surviving at the time of her death were 14 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren and 5 great, great grandchildren.

Aurie Leora (Stults) Priest

Aurie Leora Stults was born June 24, 1863, to Peter and Sarah Ann (Wilson) Stults of Jackson Township, Jay County.

She taught four years in the public schools, one year in Wells County and three years in Jackson Township, Jay County, beginning her teaching at the age of nineteen.

She was married April 24, 1886 to Newton Priest, son of Isaac and Mary Ann (Grimes) Priest. Newton was born February 17, 1861, in Greene Township, Jay County. To this union were born seven children: Edith (Priest) Avey, born June 14, 1887, died December 27, 1963; Louella (Priest) Garrett, born March 30, 1890, died March 1, 1958; Charles Priest, born February 23, 1892, died May 31, 1965; Harold Priest (twin), born September 25, 1894, died April 7, 1954; Howard Priest (twin), born September 25, 1894, died August 23, 1966; Chester Priest, born November 6, 1897, died January 28, 1967; and Clyde Priest, born February 10, 1901, died April 3, 1974.

The Newton Priest Family
Left to right—Front row: Aurie, the mother, Clyde, Chester and Newton, the father. Back row: Howard, Edith (Priest) Avey, Charles, Louella (Priest) Garrett and Harold.

Aurie was a member of the Pleasant Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church, west of Antiville, for 56 years. There she served as Sunday school superintendent as well as being a teacher. Newton was a member of the Blaine Methodist Church until he moved to Jackson Township when he joined the Oakland Methodist Church.

Aurie (Stults) Priest passed away November 17, 1940, and Newton Priest passed away December 25, 1940. Their final resting place is in the Union Cemetery, Jackson Township, on the east side of the road in lot 115.

William Priest

William Priest, a pioneer settler of Jay County, was born in February of 1800. He came to Greene Township, Jay County, from Clark County, Ohio.

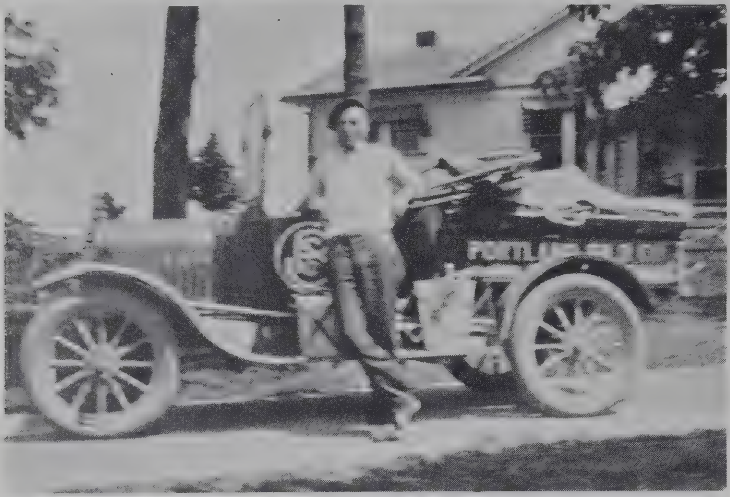
He was married to Nancy Myers, a native of Maryland. To this union were born: Isaac, Margaret, Mary, Susan, George and Hannah. William Priest was a farmer, owning 800 acres of land. He died April 4, 1872.

William Clyde Priest

William Clyde Priest, the youngest son of Newton and Aurie (Stults) Priest, was born in Jay County February 10, 1901. He worked in construction work and later at the Drop Forge in Portland. He was married to Elizabeth (Lyons) Godlove. Their home was located on West Arch Street in Portland. They had no children. After Clyde's retirement at the drop Forge, he was custodian at the Portland Library. Elizabeth preceded him in death in 1968 at the age of 84 years. Clyde passed away on April 3, 1974. They are both interred in the Boundary Cemetery southeast of Portland.

Marlin D. Pyle

Marlin D. Pyle, born in Jay County, January 18, 1912, on Charles Beck farm in Bearcreek Township, the son of James W. and Rosanne (Flesher) Pyle. Their children were: Oral, Elmer, Russel, Jesse, Laura (Fifer), Anne, Nellie, Royce, Lawrence, all are deceased except Jennie (Pumphrey), Marvin B., and Marlin D. I started to school at Haffner; the school was built in 1899, on Road 50, and still there and owned by Bernice and the late Jesse Pyle. I graduated from Bryant High School in 1931. I helped my father farm until November 11, 1934 when I was married at the home of Lucas Harter, one minute past midnight, to Reita Jane Shepherd, the daughter of William M. and Grace Ann (Fifer) Shepherd. Their children were: David B., William F., James H., who are all deceased except Darrell R., Kenneth O., Robert E., Roland D., Lora E. (Armstrong) and Reita J. (Pyle). I began working at the Portland Forge (Teledyne), from 1934 until I retired in 1975. Our first home was at 901 East Votaw; we also owned and lived on farms in Pike and Jackson Township. We again returned to Portland in 1950, and now live at 433 South Wayne. We are both members of the Southside Church of Christ. We are the parents of six children: James L., Shelbyville, Indiana; John E., Portland; Jay A., Fort Recovery, Ohio; Janice M. (Gingerich), Albany, Indiana; Judith A. (Malinowski) Norwich, Connecticut and Joe T. at home. *Submitted by Marlin Pyle.*



Thomas Roe Rathbun, silo builder

Rathbun

Thomas Roe Rathbun was born on Sept. 29, 1890 in the city of Redkey, Indiana. He was the son of John Frank Rathbun and Anna Nellie (Ritter) Rathbun. He was raised in Redkey, Indiana. He became interested in the Christian life as a lad, and was a member of the United Brethern Church in Christ in Redkey. He had two sisters, Leoma M. Rathbun (Swank, Robinson) and Jennie M. Rathbun (Edwards); four other brothers or sisters and his mother died sometime earlier in his life.

On June 8, 1914 at the age of 24 years, he married Lena Leotta Elick, daughter of Frank and Zuila (Rigby) Elick of Portland, Indiana. There were four children born to this marriage: Clifford LaVon, Vivian Ivanelle, Robert Eugene, and Dorothy May. He was a silo-builder by trade and worked locally and also traveled to many other surrounding states. He belonged to the Faternal Order of Masons in Indiana. After spending seven years of married life in Jay County, he moved his family north to Gladwin, Michigan. His father, John F. Rathbun, homesteaded 80 acres in Buckeye Townsip, Gladwin Co. Thomas returned to Jay Co. area during the summer months to continue silo-building.

Thomas Roe Rathbun,
Redkey, Indiana

He had suffered for some time from asthma and heart trouble and died at the age of 38 years in Portland, Indiana. His wife, children and father had returned to Michigan to live and continue farming their land.

George David Reichard

George D. Reichard was born in Jay County June 10, 1930. Following high school graduation in 1947 he joined the Army and received a field commission in the Korean War. He also served in the Vietnam War and holds B.S. degrees in Military Science and Education, and retired after 25 years as Lieutenant Colonel in 1972. He married Giovanina Mary Aiesi from Massachusetts November 1, 1953. Their children: Charles Denrick, deceased; George David III, born in the Territory of Hawaii, is an officer in the Army, married to Amy Nannette Morrow; and G. Denrick, born Heidelberg, Germany, is a student at the University of Massachusetts.

Colonel Reichard's paternal ancestry began in America with the arrival in Philadelphia of his third great-grandfather, Joseph Reichardt from the Kingdom of Wuertemburg, Germany, his wife Mariah Apolonia and their son Joseph Jr., on the ship Phoenix, September 30, 1754. They resided in Philadelphia until 1775, at which time Joseph Sr. purchased land in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and became a frontier farmer.

Joseph Reichardt Jr. served as a Ranger in the Pennsylvania Line during the Revolutionary War, and was one of three men founding the borough of Millheim, Pennsylvania. He and wife Anna Maria had thirteen children: Catherine married (1) John Stover, (2) Philip Musser; John Joseph married Elizabeth Wineche; Joseph III married Anna Maria Hennich; Samuel married Margaret Floyd; Michael married Veronica, daughter of Henry Goss; John Adam; Anna B. married Michael Fiedler; Margaratha married Thomas Hubler; Elizabeth married Daniel Snyder; Peter married Elizabeth Gebhart; Daniel married Susanna; Mary married Henry Hoerner; and Susanah married Henry Mitchel.

Michael Reichardt and Veronica had seven children. Their eldest son and a daughter named Elizabeth died before Veronica's death in 1849. Michael and his five children moved to Ohio in 1854 and to Jay County in 1856; Israel G. married Martha Ann Thomas and died in the Civil War, 1863, in New Orleans; Catherine Ann married James McFarland; Mary Ann married George Henry; Michael G. (bachelor); and Henry G. married Elizabeth, daughter of John Frederick Theurer from Neckarvaihingen, Wuertemburg, Germany, and Elizabeth Jacoby of Marion, Ohio, following his Civil War service in the 40th Indiana Regiment.

Henry G. Reichard and Elizabeth had five children: Emma Caroline married Jacob Frederick Cull; James Jacob married Mary Heiss; Noah Wilson married Mahala E. Brumm; John Frederick (bachelor); and George David married Lillie Estella, daughter of Lorenzo Dow Hall and Mary Catherine Bricker.

George David Reichard and Lillie had eight children: Chella Edith married Leonard Drill. Their children: Margaret Helen, Marion Leonard, and David Allen; Henry Lorenzo married Phyllis I. King. Their children: Raymond Henry and Frances Susan; Elgia Elva married Francis Wilbur Brubaker. Their children: Lanny Ricardo, Lynn Irving, and Janell Fayrene; Hazel Caroline married Harry Gordon Hutson. Their son, Gordon Jay; Vivian Mildred married Carl Martin Barger. Their children: Larry Lee, Bonnie Gay, and Peggy Ann; Virginia Mae married Ernest Levine Valentine; John Frederick died age 11; and George David, the subject of this sketch. *Submitted by George D. Reichard.*

Louisa Elvira Reid
(Wife of Henry Schramm)

William Phillips, born in 1739, married Margaret Mince in 1766. William died in 1792. They had one son, James Phillips, who was born March 6, 1768. He married Catharine Frizzell Jan. 22, 1789 of Knox County, Ohio. James died in 1808 and Catharine died in 1840. They had one daughter, Ruth Frizzell Phillps, who was born June 14, 1794. She married on Sept. 22, 1812 to Nicolas Headington of Baltimore County, Maryland, who was born Dec. 25, 1791. Ruth died Dec. 1, 1865. Their son, William Headington, was born Aug. 22, 1815 in Baltimore, Md.. He was married to Mary Jane Cottrell on March 24, 1835, who was born Oct. 6, 1816. William died Feb. 2, 1879; Mary Jane died June 19, 1903. Her parents were Henry Cottrell, who was born in 1780 and died in 1862. He was married on March 26, 1801 to Mary Bently, who was born in 1783 and died 1829. Daniel Reid, born in 1828 and died in 1879, married Elvira Headington, daughter of William and Mary Jane Headington, who was born in Knox County, Ohio in 1839, and died in 1911. Their son, Andrew Jackson Reid, was born July 9, 1858. He married Sarah Jane Price on Sept. 30, 1878, who was born Nov. 20, 1859. Their daughter was Louisa Elvira Reid, who married Henry Carl Schramm. Andrew died Dec. 23, 1941 and Sarah Jane died April 11, 1896. *Submitted by Donald Schramm.*

Wagner Reinhart Family

Peter Reinhart and Magdalena Buettel migrated from Seneca County, Ohio, to Jay County, Indiana, in 1871. Peter Reinhart came from Bavarin, Germany, with his parents, three brothers and one sister, in 1832 and settled in Big Springs Twp., Seneca County, Ohio. Magdalena Buttel and her brother Adam came from Rheinphalz, Germany, sometime around 1848, and first settled in Seneca County, Ohio. Adam and his family also moved to Jay County. Magdalena married the widower Peter Reinhart who had one daughter, Margaret. Peter and Magdalena had seven children born in Seneca County; one died in 1861, three died in 1863. The three who survived, Pauline, Regina and August, came to New Corydon, Jay County, with them in early spring of 1871. Jacob was born in May of 1871, after they had moved to Indiana.

The Reinharts settled on a farm just north of Trinity Church, and south of New Corydon. Here they lived until they died, Peter and Magdalena, being buried in Holy Trinity Cemetery. Pauline married Jacob Bonifas and reared 13 children at Trinity. Regina married John Wagner, known as State Line Johnny, and reared 11 children on the State Line farm just east of Trinity. August married Rose Nye and moved in 1912 to a farm in Kawkawin, Michigan. Jacob Reinhart married Catherine Uleman and lived near Trinity.

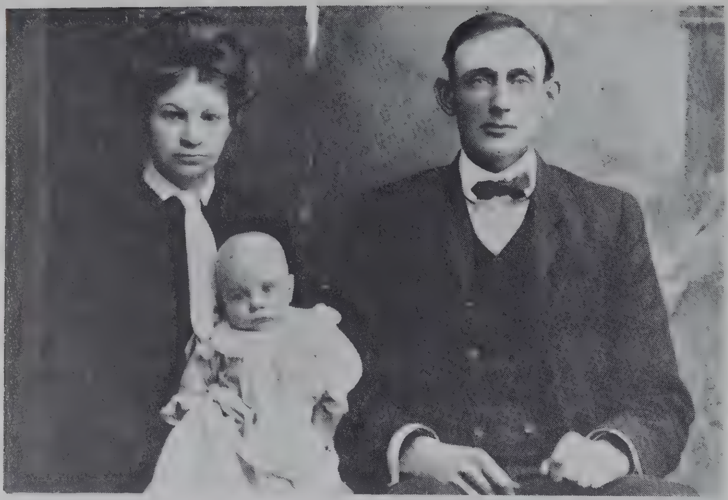
Regina Reinhart married John Wagner, son of Jean (John) and Catherine (Tourbang) Wagner in 1874. John was born in a small town near Arlon, Luxembourg, Belgium, and came to the United States in 1861, first settling in Wyandot County, at Kirby, Ohio. Regina and John had 11 children, all born at the State Line farm. Their daughter Magdalen married Peter Minnich and lived near Trinity. The Minnich children were William, Rosella, Edward, Gustave, Frederick, Florian, Clara, Helen, Urban, and Wilfird. Jacob Wagner never married and lived in Celina, Ohio. August Wagner married Minnie Minch and lived just west of the Trinity Church. Their children were Lavina, Marian and Louis. Joseph Wagner married Anna Goldschmidt and moved to Alma, Michigan. Their children were Leona, Wilbert, Leo Paul, and John. Leo Wagner married Louise Reitz and lived at Trinity, their sons, Paul and Harold. Catherine remained single and lived most of her life in Celina, Ohio. Laura Wagner married Fred Laux, a blacksmith on the Stae Line, their children: Victor, Lamont, Hugo, and Paul. Rose Wagner and Henry Hartnagel had one son, Willard, and they lived at Trinity. William Wagner died at the age of two. Linus Wagner married Estella Remaklus and lived in Akron, Ohio, their children: Leona, Dorothy, Pauline, and Robert. Henry Wagner, the youngest, married Hildagard May, daughter of Gerhard May and Rosina Diller, also of Jay County. Henry and Hilda, with their family, Rita, Ruth, John, and Werner, lived in Celina for 14 years before moving to Versailles, Ohio, in 1938. *Submitted by Ruth Wagner Schieltz.*

Wagner—Reinhart Family
Back row: Leo, Joseph, Catherine, Magdalena, Laura, Jacob, August. Front row: Regina (Reinhart) Wagner, Linus, Henry, Rose, John Wagner.

The Resur Family

Cyrus Resur of pre-Revolution German stock, was born in Dauphin County, Pa. in 1816. He learned the wagonmaking trade there. Upon coming to Indiana, he married Mary West. She, a native of Jay County, was also of the pre-Revolutionary era, of the West and Hartford families.

They acquired 160 acres of land, in 1859, in sections 3 and 4 in Jefferson Township, at a sheriffs' sale. It was just prior to the Civil War, he continued the wagonmaking, and farmed.



Maude (Mettler) and Lewis Stanton Resur with son Teddy, 1904

Summer 1919—George, Clara, Jacob, Orpha, Lewis, Maude, Bianca, John, Ruth and Sylvester

Oct. 23, 1977—Harry, Marjorie, Ted, Pat and Ralph

They became parents of five children, who grew to adulthood: John L.; George W.; Lewis S. Ruth, who married Sylvester Starbuck; and Orpha, who married Jacob Mowery. John L. and Lewis S. purchased the family farm before Cyrus' death. George W. became a rural mail carrier, and Ruth and Orpha spent their closing years in Randolph County.

Lewis S. married Maude E. Mettler, and they became parents of Teddy B., Ralph D., Harry S., Marjorie and Ada "Pat".

Teddy B. married Mildred L. Miller. In 1962 they moved to St. David, Arizona for Mildred's health. There they lived until her death in 1967. Mildred is buried in the Resur plot in Green Park Cemetery, in Portland, Ind.

Ralph D. married Margaret Schonhardt, and Harry S. married Elizabeth Bush. Marjorie became the wife of Milton H. Smith, while Ada is married to Don Longnecker of Bryant, Ind.

Teddy B. and Mildred became parents of three children: Theodore D., who lives in Benson, Ariz.; Rachel, Mrs. Gary Wintergerst of Red Lands, Calif.; Diana, Mrs. Frederick Gooch, Tuscon, Ariz., and they have five grandchildren.

On January 13, 1979, Teddy B., married Alvina (Buemel) Mackey, a native of Richmond, Minnesota. Alvina and Ted live in Benson, Ariz.

The only other grandchildren of Cyrus and Mary Resur, are Dorothy (Wilson) Berg, of Gary, Ind., the daughter of Orpha Mowery and Dan Wilson. Kenneth W. and Anne of Valparaiso, Ind., son of Geroge W., Mary Resur Drake of Portland, and Anna Resur Spahr, daughter of John R. and Bianca. She is the widow of Oliver Spahr and Truman Ashley. George Jr. lives in the Portland area with his wife Mildred. *Submitted by Teddy B. Resur.*

November 1969—Millie and Ted Resur

December 1978—Alvina Mackey and Ted Resur

Reynolds

Marvin R. Reynolds, born January 30, 1922, is the son of the late Fred and Freda Reynolds of R.R. 1, Portland, Ind. He was born in Mercer County, Ohio, but moved to Indiana later and graduated from Madison Twp. High School in 1940. He served in World War II in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was discharged December 1945.

Garnet I. Disinger was born to Paul and Mary (Carey) Disinger November 24, 1928 in Manistee County, Michigan. I was born in the farmhouse owned by my grandparents. Thomas and Josephine (Johnson) Carey. When I was three months old, we moved to Muncie, Ind. with my parents. I entered school in Muncie and attended Royerton School until 1937. The family moved to a little 40 acre farm in Pike Twp., where I attended Zoar School, and graduated from Jefferson High School in Randolph County.

On April 11, 1948, Marvin Reynolds and I were married at the home of Dale Manor, Marvin's oldest sister. His youngest brother, was best man, and his youngest sister, Ruby was bridesmaid.

Marvin was the youngest of seven children. His brother Ralph, two sisters, Juanita and Ruby and he are the only ones living.

I was an only child. We spent the first 15 years of marriage living with my parents in partner-ship, operating the Bluff Point Store and Restaurant. At one time we also operated a Go-Cart race track.

The original grocery store at Bluff Point burned down in 1951. We rebuilt, then some years after the building was torn down when Highway 27 was widened and rebuilt.

We have four children: Vickie B., Sept. 4, 1949. She is married to Fred Hayes. She has two children, Steven Wayne Hurst and Jennifer Brook Hurst, and three step-children, Kimberly Hayes, Dusty Hayes, and Chris Hayes. They live at DeSota, Delaware Co. Vickie graduated from Redkey High School.

William Thomas was born August 7, 1951. He graduated from Redkey High School. He is married to Carol Armstrong, and they have three children: Wendy Kay, Christopher Thomas, and T.J. William works at Indiana Glass Mfg., Dunkirk, Ind. They live in Ridgeville, Randolph County.

Marvin Robert Jr. was born Dec. 25, 1955. He is a graduate of Redkey High School. He served in the Marine Corps four years. He is employed at Marsh Supermarkets, part-time, and is a body shop repairman after attending Ivy Tech at Muncie. He lives at home.

Kimberly Faye was born October 24, 1965, when we moved to our home in New Mt. Pleasant, Jefferson County. She attended Redkey Elementary, and Junior High, and is now a sophomore at Jay County High School where she will graduate in 1984, the Lord willing.

We attended the Bluff Point Friends Church while we lived there, and we now attend the Mt. Pleasant Church.

All our children were born in the Jay County Hospital.

The property where we now live, in New Mt. Pleasant, dates back to 1836 owned by Jacob H. Sanders. He homesteaded it from the U.S. Government. When we moved here, the house was only four rooms. We now have three bedrooms, kitchen, bath, livingroom and a utility room, with a two car garage.

At that time it was 160 acres. It was the E. half of the SW quarter of Section 15, Township 22 N. range 13 E. Given to him by President Van Buren. Now it is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars! *Submitted by Garnet Reynolds.*

Marvin and Garnet Reynolds, 1973

William, age 30 and Marvin Jr., age 26

Vicki at age 32 with her daughter

Kim at 16 years

The H. C. Richardson Family

The H. C. "Doc" Richardson family moved to Portland in October, 1956, from Muncie, Ind. They originally rented an apartment in a house owned by James and Virginia Kelly, at 326 East Arch Street, which is a part of the Votaw Addition. They purchased the house from the Kellys, who operated the Equity store at Main and Meridian in Portland, several years later, and made additions to the house.

"Doc" Richardson was a dentist, who occupied the office originally used by C.O. Ricker, D.D.S. The office was located at 204½ North Meridian Street, above what was the Gable Cigar Store, now the gift shop, owned by Hunt's Studio. Dr. Richardson practiced at that location until his death in July 1964.

Dr. Richardson was a native of Pike County, Indiana, the son of Joseph Elijah and Minnie (Osgatharp) Richardson, and was the eldest of six surviving sons. He was born in 1900. He attended both Oakland City College, Oakland City, Ind., and the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Prior to becoming a dentist, he taught school at the Otwell High School, of which he was a graduate, in Pike County, Indiana.

He began the practice of dentistry in Cannelton, Perry County, Indiana, and practiced there for 25 years. During his residence there, he married Betty Baynes of Washington County, Ind. Their daughter, Beverly, was also born in Cannelton. He left Cannelton in 1953 for Muncie, where his office was located on West Jackson Street. He relocated to Portland in August 1956, and his family followed six weeks later.

Mrs. Richardson is the daughter of Fred and Leafa (Payne) Baynes, and is the oldest of five children. She attended the Indiana Business College in Columbus, Ind., and also worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad in Indianapolis, prior to her marriage. She has been active in Kappa Kappa Kappa sorority, and also the Jay County Hospital Women's Auxiliary. She is currently employed as a bookkeeper for the Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company in Portland, and still lives in the Richardson home on East Arch Street.

Dr. Richardson was active in civic affairs during his life in Portland. He was associated with the Kiwanis Club, for which he served as president for one term. He served on the board of directors of the Tuberculosis Association, and was also a member of the Scottish Rite and the Masons. His favorite pasttime was fishing, a hobby he shared with several other downtown businessmen, who would try to fish together on a regular basis. He and his family were members of Portland Friends Church.

Their daughter, Beverly, attended the Portland schools, and graduated from Portland High School in 1969. She also attended both Indiana University, and Ball State University. She currently lives in Fort Wayne, Ind., and works as a secretary to Robert J. Braunlin, M.D., an otolaryngologist. *Submitted by Beverly B. and Mrs. H.C. Richardson.*

Richeson—Oatewalt Family

George Richeson and Prudence Prillaman were married in Virginia. Both were natives of Virginia of Irish-English extraction. They were early settlers of Ohio. George was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812. They had a son, Jacob, who married Elizabeth Oatewalt, the daughter of George and Joanna Oatewalt of Clark County, Ohio, December 13, 1842.

The Oatewalts were strict Methodist Christians. Jacob and Elizabeth came to Jay County, first living on 160 acres in Green Township, and then purchasing a farm north of Portland, where they spent the rest of their lives. One corner of this farm was given to the Methodists for the site of a church which was named Pleasant Ridge.

Jacob and Elizabeth had four children: Joanna, Prudence, Mary Ann, and Christian. Christian, the only son, died at the age of 20 of typhoid fever. He and his parents are buried at Bloomfield Cemetery.

Joanna married Handy Hearn; they had two daughters, Nancy and Hulda. After Handy's death, she married Noah Bowsman. Joanna and Noah had three sons: Morris, Charles and Frank.

Prudence, the second daughter, married Newton House. They lived on the homeplace with Elizabeth after Jacob died. Prudence and Newton had seven children. Three died while small. The surviving children were: Della who married Oliver Beals; Emmer who married Malvin Miller and later, Charles Allen of College Corner, Jay County; Edwin and Jacob Asbury.

Mary Ann married Franklin Marion Limbert, January 11, 1880. They were my grandparents. *Submitted by Thelma Blodgett.*

Ridgeway

Artie Earl and Charity Ivy Whitmore Ridgeway moved to Pike Twp. in 1946. Art was born September 13, 1903, the son of Marshall Thomas and Laura Ellen Reddick Ridgeway at Noblesville, Hamilton Co., Indiana. Chatty, as her friends call her, was born in Zionsville, Boone Co., Ind. on September 23, 1905 to Elmer Otis and Emma Lu Cain Whitmore. Art and Charity were married January 12, 1925 and spent most of their life in Noblesville. They had two daughters, Norma Lucille who married James Glover Spahr and Wilma Jean who married Kenneth Bosworth. Both families live in Jay County.

Art worked at Ball Bros. Strawboard plant in Noblesville for 22 years. After W.W. II started, both Artie and Charity started working at Delco-Remy plant in Anderson to help the war effort.

Art's love of farm life prompted them to move to Pike Township on their own farm, in 1946. They loved their life on their 160 acres. In 1963, they moved to town to their new home on West Nineth St. Artie was working at the Price Implement Co. on South Meridian St. where he passed away January 3, 1967. After his death, Charity worked at the Lord's Store, later at McCord's 10¢ Store. At present, she is coordinator for the Area VI Aged and Aging. She has always been active in the Asbury Methodist Church, home extension work and the mental health program. *Submitted by Norma L. Spahr.*

Family of John Rines

John and Cletes were married September 17, 1955. John is the eldest son of Fred Bosworth Rines and Lois Almira Journay. His paternal grandparents were Ezra Moon Rines and Esther Bosworth. His maternal grandparents were William Ira Journay and Catherine Stewart. His brothers are Allan Kay Rines, R.R. #2, Dunkirk, Paul Rines, W. Third St., Portland, and Elvin Lee Rines, deceased. He has one sister, Rachel Stahl (Mrs. Robert) of R.R. #3, Portland. Portland).

Cletes is the oldest daughter of Darrel and Ora (Hough) Glentzer, 936 W. Main St., Portland. Her paternal grandparents were Winfield Scott Glentzer and Edith Marie Liggett. Maternal grandparents were Benjamin Orville Hough and Elva Maude Bollenbaugher. Cletes has one sister, Corenne McKinley (Mrs. Roger) of San Jose, California. Three brothers are: Michael Glentzer, Fort Wayne; Tod Glentzer, Kokomo; and Brad Glentzer, Portland.

John and Cletes are parents of seven children: John Stewart II, R.R. #5, Portland, who works at Stauffer Farm Equipment; Brian Scott, R.R. #4, Oakwood Park, Portland, volunteer fireman for city of Portland; Michael Steven, R.R. #6, Portland, farmer and married to Sarah Elizabeth Theurer, daughter of Walter and Ruth Theurer, Salamonia. Sarah is a teacher at Adams Central Middle School, Monroe; Catherine Ann, a student at Ball State University; Corienne A., R.R. #6, Portland, employed at Portland Motor Parts; and twins, Susan Elizabeth and Stanley Kent, sophomores at Jay County High School.

John and Cletes live at R.R. #6 on Road #120. John is a farmer and the family has a poultry and egg producing business. Cletes works at First National Bank, Portland. They are members of Asbury United Methodist Church. *Submitted by Cletes Rines.*

William Sherman Rittenhouse Family

William Sherman Rittenhouse was born March 27, 1866 at Bluff Point, Jay County, Ind. He was the son of James, Mary Baughman Rittenhouse. William was educated in Jay Co. schools. He was a factory worker and used to walk a tight wire many feet high for lodge entertainments for many years. He was a very religious man. He was married five times, after the deaths of each wife. His first wife was Sarah Jane Winegardener, b. in 1860, died 1894. She lived at Antioch, Jay County. They had three children: Worley, Alice Armina, and William Otto Tane. Worley married Sydney Icy Green in 1912. They lived in Muncie, where they had four children: David, Delbert, Josephine, and Marvin. Marvin served in W.W. II, and studied to become a doctor after returning from service. He moved to Kokomo, Worley died in Terrence, Ca.

Alice Armina Rittenhouse, b. Feb. 11, 1887, married Otto Culbertson. They had one daughter, Vera Marcella, b. June 29, 1912. She and her father were talented musicians. She was also employed in an office. The husband and father, Otto, was killed in an auto-streetcar accident in 1920.

William Otto Tane was born July 29, 1891. He was a photographer in W.W. I, and operated the cameras in movie theaters in Muncie, where they lived. He married Eva May Ginger, the daughter of Frank and Mary McCone Ginger. Their children were: Lester, Hildred, Wilma, Audrey, Mildred and Kenneth.

William S. married a "Jessup" who died soon, and afterward Mrs. John Barker, the former Sarah Jane Burk of Farmland. They moved to Muncie, Ind. Their children were Charles, Harry Edward, Eliza Pearl and James E. After 39 years she died, and he married Minnie Houdeshell. She died in 1944. He was married to Ida Culbertson Woodring. Ida was a minister, and wrote poetry. She outlived William S., and died in 1965. He died in 1961.

Charles Rittenhouse, born in Farmland 1898, grew up and married Ada May Adkins in Muncie. She was the daughter of Owen and Angeline Keton of Dunkirk. Charles and Ada adopted a little niece Rosalie Davis, whose mother died, leaving several little ones. The parents were James Edward Davis and Della May Adkins Davis. Rosalie married several times. Her children were Ernest Dale Kauffman, Wayne, Walter Reynolds, and Ellen Morris, Muncie, Ind. The parents died in Muncie in 1976 and 1978.

Harry Edward Rittenhouse, b. Jan. 4, 1901 in Muncie, married Lenora Lundburg. He married in succession, Elizabeth Brown, and Violett Blossom Creek. They were parents of Betty Louise, June 5, 1930. Harry died in 1931. Violet died in Richmond in 1960. Betty L. was married to William Becktell of Matthews, August 7, 1953. They have: James Lee, 6-7-53; Billie Louise, b. 9-29-53; William H., b. 11-13-55; and Samuel Barry Becktoll, 8-9-1962.

Eliza Pearl Rittenhouse, b. 1-6-1904, married Emmerson Ralston. She was married numerous times over the years, without children.

James E. Rittenhouse (1-21-1908) was a veteran of W.W. II. He married Marguerite Mullen. They had one daughter, Juanita Maxine. Later he married Mary Elizabeth Prater. They were married by Rev. J.H. Nall in 1939. Joyce Ann was born Feb. 2, 1946 and James Ray, August 15, 1950. *Submitted by Ida Tunis.*

William F. Ritter

William Ritter, a farmer, lived nearly half of his 80 years in Jay County. He was born Wilhelm Ritter in Germany. He came to America with his parents and brothers. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States in Champaign County, Illinois in 1897. He married Augusta Bialeschki, whose parents had come from Germany. The German language was spoken in the Ritter home all his life. During the years in Illinois, the couple had four daughters: Alma, Edith, Anna, and Minnie. The rich prairie land of that region sold at a high price. William looked elsewhere for a farm he felt he could afford to buy. A man of that community, Jim Craw, had come to Jay County to live. He invited William to look at farms here. William purchased 80 acres with a tall, roomy house large enough for his growing family, in Wayne Township, two miles southwest of Portland.

The family came to Jay County on the railroad in February 1912. They came on a passenger train and stayed with the Craws until their rented box car containing furniture, machinery, and livestock arrived with a freight train. A neighbor from Sadorus had ridden in the car to care for the animals. Three more children joined the household: Pauline, Carl and Everett. The family became members of the Zion Lutheran Church in Portland.

Some of the older daughters tell of having to work in the fields with their father before the boys were old enough to help. The children attended grade school at Coulson Hill, and six of them graduated from Portland High School. For recreation, they fished in the Salamonia River.

William and Augusta were talented in using materials on hand. He wove useful baskets from river willows. She made bed covers for the large family from scraps of material, sometimes very tiny ones, and often used wool from their own sheep for a warm filling. Pillows and feather ticks were stuffed with goose feathers from the large flock they raised every year for food.

William died in 1950 and Augusta in 1957. Numerous descendants still live in Jay County. Daughter, Pauline, and her husband, Ora Baldauf, live in Pike Township. Son, Everett, the only descendant in Jay County with the Ritter

1914—Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ritter and daughters name, is owner of Ritter Electric. He lives with his wife, Dorothy, in Wayne Township. *Submitted by Everett Ritter.*

Ross

George B. Ross, born October 10, 1827, son of Nathaniel and Charlotte Reid Ross. The father, a native of Virginia Irish descent. Mother, a native of Ohio, Scotch descent. He was a farmer, a circuit rider Minister of United Brethern Church, and a practicing physician.

George B. Ross married in Darke County, Ohio, January 31, 1850, to Christinia Evans, daughter of John and Penina Wilson Evans. Eight children were born to them. Three died in young years.

Sophia M., born in Darke County, Ohio, November 24, 1850, married Calvin Hudson. One daughter, Ora. Died March 20, 1884. Sylvester Ross, born in Jay County May 7, 1855, married Ruth Hudson. Died June 4, 1905. Three daughters and one son: Lydia Ann, born September 26, 1859, married C.C. Wilkinson, December 25, 1880. One son, three daughters. Died February 11, 1913; Rev. Susie Magner, born May 13, 1862, married John M. Magner. One daughter. Died July 1946; George Franklin Ross, born in Pike Township, Jay County, July 1869, married Ella Hammons. They had one daughter, four sons. He died in 1929. Sophia M. Hudson, Sylvester and George F. Ross are buried in Zoar Cemetery, Pike Township, Lydia A. Wilkinson in Liber Cemetery and Rev. Susie M. Magner in Memorial Cemetery near Anderson, Indiana.

Melvon Smith Runyon Family

Melvon Smith Runyon was born March 17, 1906 in Adams County. He was the son of Ernest A. and Trucie (Anderson) Runyon. His school years were spent in Jay County where his parents owned and operated a farm in Bearcreek Township, one-fourth mile east of the Pleasant Grove Church at Macklin Corner.

On August 8, 1923, Melvon married Laura Doris Hough, whose parents were Benjamin O. and Elva Maude (Bollenbaugher) Hough. Doris was born January 27, 1910. The family lived on the Israel Macklin farm north of the Pleasant Grove Church. Melvin and Elva farmed and cared for a large apple orchard.

There were seven children in the family. They were Marrion F., Arthur L., Nilah F., Rita R., Rena R., Sally D., and Linda L. The daughter Rena died in 1937, during the polio epidemic, of polio. All six children graduated from the Poling School, two children, Rita and Sally, are public school teachers. Rita teaches in Adams County, and Sally teaches in Wells County. Marrion and Arthur served in the Armed Services in World War II. Marrion was on the Battleship Missouri when the Peace Treaty was signed.

In 1938 the family moved to Jay County where a farm of 120 acres was purchased in Jackson Township. Here they farmed and Melvon ran a threshing machine. In 1940 the house burned, and a sawmill was set up to get the timber from the woods to build the new house. The sawmill was run by Ted Yoder from Linn Grove.

Melvon and Doris have lived in this house in Jackson Township since 1938. The family have attended Sardinia Church in Jackson Township for many years. *Submitted by Mrs. Melvon Runyon.*

Rupe

Earl Rupe, the son of Martin Rupe, b. 1846 and Matilda Bisel Rupe, married Margaret Wright, the daughter of the David Wright's of Ohio. Earl was always interested in machinery, and was an early garage owner. He specialized in auto repairs, later obtaining the Studebaker agency. This was continued as long as the Studebaker auto was made. Earl and Margaret were parents of three children: Gerald, Leon and Dorothy. Gerald and Leon have been associated with the Rupe garage from their young years. They owned and operated the business after their father's death, until their retirement in 1981.

Gerald married Marjorie Denney in 1934. Marjorie was the daughter of Jesse and Velma Denney of Ft. Recovery, Ohio. Jesse was a teamster there, later the family moved to Portland and Jesse was employed at the Sheller Corporation, Velma worked at the Jay Garment Company.

Gerald was deeply interested in airplane construction. His mother was a relative of the famed Wright Brothers. Gerald helped in the construction of the motor and plane itself that was built in Portland in the early 1930's. This plane was constructed in what is known as the egg cast factory on East McNeal St. in Portland.

Marjorie and Gerald have two children, Judith and David. Marjorie is an Avon sales lady, and has several women working under her. Judith married Robert Axe, the son of Lee and Frances Axe, of Jackson Twp. Robert and his father operated a repair shop for autos and farm machinery, the Lee Axe Repair Shop. They became parents of two daughters, Lori Ann, b. 1963 and Diana Lynn, b. 1970. Judith is an employee of the Graphic Publishing Co. Robert and Judith were divorced and he later remarried.

Judith recently married Jon Kimmel in 1981. Jon is connected with the Jay Randolph Developmental program, where he is a counselor. He is the son of the late Harry and Thelma Kimmel of Pennville.

David Rupe married Joyce Merchant and they live near Montpelier. They have a son, Michael, b. 1968.

Leon Rupe married Kathryn Humphries, the daughter of Calvin and Jessie Humphries. Her father was accidently killed in a dynamite explosion in Pike Township in the late 1920's. Jessie Humphries was a familiar figure in the Jay County Court House, where she was County Recorder for two terms. She also worked in the Auto License Bureau for many years.

Kathryn is employed at the Portland Public Library. Their children are: Janet, Charles and Deborah Ann.

Dorothy Rupe became a registered nurse, and is employed in the hospital in Barrington, Illinois. She married Richard Chambers, who owned an electrical equipment factory, and had an electric lighting fixture business in the Merchandising Mart, in Chicago. He is now retired. They have two sons, Richard Leon and Fred. They married and have two children each. *Submitted by Marjorie Rupe.*

Ephriam Sager

The Sager family, as known in Jay County today, is of German extraction. They moved to this area in the early 1860's when Ephriam and Sophrona left the Columbus, Ohio area headed for Jay County. Previously the family had lived in the Shenondoah Valley of Virginia. There is a Levi

Wm. "Earl" and Minnie Irene Hanlin Sager

Sager in early Jay County history, but at this time I have not connected him to our family. Ephriam and Sophrona bought land located west of the present Jay County High School from 1862 until 1879. Sophrona died Oct. 12, 1872, and is buried in a family cemetery on land once owned and farmed by her and Ephriam in Jay County. In 1881 Ephriam sold his land and at the age of 65 moved to the lumber camps of Michigan. He died Jan. 22, 1890, and is buried at Meatuaqua, Mich., northwest of Cadillac.

His son, Abraham (1855-1935), moved back and married Sarah Hummer (1861-1923) on Aug. 17, 1882. Abraham was a grocer and farmer. To this marriage were born four children: Charles, drank lye at age six, died at 15; Martha "Jenny" m. Will Cave; Mary Sophrona m. Roy Uhrick; William "Earl" (1902-1975) m. Minnie Irene Hanlin (1902-1971).

William Sager, known by friends and neighbors as Earl spent his entire life in the Portland and Pennville area. He worked from the 1920's until 1940's at Portland Forge, a short time at Broderick's in Muncie, and the balance as a farmer. To this marriage were born seven children, all of whom are stil living and reside within 80 miles of Portland. They are the following: Charles A., b. December 1921, supt. Portland Industrial Product, m. Nellie M. Arnold, CTS, Berne. They also own and operate an expanding apple orchard; Sarah L., b. December 1923, Office Westinghouse, Union City, m. first Charles O'Brien, farmer, m. second Ora Matthews, retired Westinghouse, Union City; William E. Jr., b. May 1925, manager Jay County REMC, m. Marianna Bickel, office Teledyne Portland Forge; Elvin L., b. July 1927, General Foreman REMC, m. Ruth Hammers Citizens's Bank, Portland; Virginia A., b. February 1929, Realtor, Portland, m. Lloyd Baldauf, Quality Control Union City Body; Isabelle M., b. December 1935, Acct. Bendix, Dayton, Ohio, m. Eugene Solli, Mach. Elano, Beaver Dam, Ohio; Ardonna M., b. May 1937, Monsanto, Ligoner, Ind., m. Richard Frye, Fairmount Homes, Napanee, Ind.

Children and grandchildren of:

Charles and Nellie Sager: Dannie L., Jan. 1940, died shortly after birth; Mickey J., Teledyne Portland Forge, m. Charolett A. DeHoff, housewife. Children: Kevin R., Portland Industrial Products; Charles E., student; and Tony M., student; Linda L., housewife, m. Larry A. Freyburgher, Naas Foods and City Judge. Children: Terry A., Haag Drug; Cheryl A., student; Greg A., student; and David E., student; Janet S., owns print shop, Dayton, Ohio.

Sarah and Charles O'Brien: Larry P. O'Brien, Engineer, Lakeland, Fla., m. Jill Hinty (div.); Nancy I. O'Brien, Westinghouse, Union City, Ind., m. Dan Peraclossi. Children: Mark, student and Dawn, student. Second m. Monte Kraholec, Westinghouse, Union City, Ind.

William and Marianna Sager: Edwin L., United Telephone, Plymouth, Ind., m. Judy Christlieb. Children: Jon E. and Jennifer A. Second m. Madonna Ford, Del Monte, Plymouth, Ind. Children: Roberta L. and Bryan A.; Cheryl A., travel agent, Plymouth, Ind.

Elvin and Ruth Sager: Dianna S. (1950-1980), teacher, m. Warren Vance, teacher, Goshen, Ind. Child, Laura Renae; Stephen D., Champion Homes, Ridgeville, Ind.; Debra L., occupational therapist, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Cathy J., student.

Virginia and Lloyd Baldauf: Peggy A., teacher, Dayton, Ohio, m. George Ross, Engineer-Hobart, Troy, Ohio; Dale L., Engineer, Marion, Ohio, m. Vicky Stingly, nurse, Marion, Ohio. Children: Kate E. and Emily K.; Rex A., owns Elec. Motor Shop, Portland, Ind.

Isabelle and Eugene Solli: Anthony E., m. Risa Slone Laime, travel agent, Dayton, Ohio.

Ardonna and Richard Frye: Connie M., teacher, Columbia City, Ind., m. Terry Nicodemus, Dana, Columbia City, Ind.; Richard E., Celotex, Lagro, Ind., m. Melody Gersuch, secretary, Wabash, Ind.; Robert K., dairy farm, Upland, Ind., m. Gail DePew, housewife, Upland, Ind. Children: Jamie M. and Amos N.; Randal L., student, Syracuse, Ind.; Karen, Acct., Cromwell, Ind., m. Doug Hoover, B. & O. Railroad, Cromwell, Ind. *Submitted by M.J. Sager.*

St. John—Barbier—Harshman—Wyrick

Mattie (Martha) Corilla Hook (1848-1899) married Isaac Wilson St. John (1847-1928) on June 24, 1869, in Xenia, Ohio.

She was born in Xenia Township, Green Co., Ohio; graduated from Female College of Xenia as Mistress of English Literature, June 1866, with highest honors given by the Luehn Aphian Society.

I.W. St. John, son of Daniel Wood St. John (1805-1873) and Eliza Bone (1808-1874), joined the National Guard of Green Co., Ohio in 1864 when he was sixteen. During the 1865 Civil War year, an underage young man with a black mustache had no problem in signing up to fight. I.W. was in Co. A 74 Inf. Ohio, 1865 and was with Sherman on his march to the sea.

In 1869 after the couple were married, they came at once to the new Dunkirk, Indiana, in Jay Co. by covered wagon. They brought her furniture and her melodian dated 1853 along with a keg of silver dollars, a gift from her father.

These possessions became his on their wedding day according to the law at that time. Mattie called her husband, whenever she addressed him, Mr. St. John as an act of respect; when she was upset with him, she called him Isaac. He was six feet and three inches tall; she never weighed more than a hundred pounds.

In Dunkirk they bought land and built a large house on Center Street. They also bought a dry goods store on Main Street. I.W. was a gardener. He planted fruit trees and berries and grew vegetables of all types.

They had nine children: Olive Rose (1870-1944) who spent her whole life in Dunkirk; Eunice who married Fred Smith and moved to Xenia. They had one daughter, Helen; Ceola and Oscar who died as babies; Solon, who by the time he was ten, worked for the Hart Glass Co. He moved to Utica, Ohio, married and had a son, Carl; Homer who died when he was just a boy of the dreaded black death (diphtheria); Bernice who died in her teens; and Howard who also before he was ten worked at Hart Glass. He moved to Utica, married and had three children: William who was killed in W.W.I, Wesley, and Dorothy. The ninth child who was Howard's twin was born dead.

Two stories that would enlighten the reader about those days are as follows:

When Homer had diphtheria, everyone, even the doctor, would not come to the house to help or to bring needed supplies so strong was the peoples' fear of the disease. The dead child was placed in a box and carted to the cemetery at night.

The reason the young St. John boys left the glass factory in Dunkirk was because Howard was burned severely when he started work there. It was the custom to be burned as an initiation. His older brother fought to defend him. These were the gas boom days.

Olive Rose stayed in Dunkirk. Her name was Olive Martha, but since she did not want to have the nickname Mattie, she named herself Rose.

After completing the 8th grade, Olive asked her father to allow her to room in Muncie and graduate from high school there. His answer was, "Go back and take the 8th grade over. Surely there is more to be learned in Dunkirk." Olive's 8th grade teacher taught her Latin and Algebra. One year in Muncie prepared her for the high school test which she passed.

Olive had always been proud of her mother's college experience; so she went to Valparaiso College in the 1890's to study music.

She came home to help her mother who was ill. She played the organ in the Methodist Church, and gave music lessons on the Melodian. Her favorite pass times besides her music were reading, playing croquet with her friends, and going to church meetings, the "only safe place to meet young men."

By this time Dunkirk, because of the gas boom, had grown from 3,000 to almost 7,000 in a few years. There were flambeaus all along the Pennsylvania R.R. A person could read a newspaper on his porch at midnight. The girls had their hat pins ready for protection when they came home from church at night.

Olive continued to care for her family after her mother's death in 1899.

Leon Giambetta Barbier (1871-1955) came to Dunkirk at the turn of the century to help fresco the St. Mary's Catholic Church. He heard that on Center Street lived an old maid who would take in a boarder. He was Olive's first and last boarder. They were married June 20, 1905. They had two daughters.

Leon was the son of Pierre Frederic Barbier (1829-1878). Pierre Frederic had come to the United States from France in 1848 with his father Georges Frederic Barbier (1807-1888) and his mother Catherine Elizabeth Ziegler Barbier (1807-1853). Pierre (Peter) was one of seven children.

After the death of his first wife who had come from the old country to marry him, Peter came to Ft. Wayne. Peter, as well as his father, was a "saw maker" or tool maker, a highly respected trade in the 1800's. Peter went into business for himself in Ft. Wayne. Whenever he had made $10 in any one day, he put "closed for the day" on his shop's door. "That's enough for any man to make in one day", he said.

Peter married Josephine Blondoit (1848-1917), Leon's mother, when she was 18 years old. She also had come to the United States from France. She was only four years old when the Blondoits brought her to Ft. Wayne.

Peter Barbier and Josephine had five children: Alfred, 1867; Edward, 1869; Leon (1871-1955); Gertrude, 1873; and George, 1878. Eight days after the birth of George, the children's father died.

Leon never returned to school. He acquired a job at Franks Greenhouse in the potting shed. From that time on, he earned his own keep-no Social Security or Welfare for him or would he have wanted help. He became known as a first class rose grower. He like to travel. During his career he worked in 27 states. Some of the time he would fresco churches; it was as a painter that he came to Dunkirk. It was as a flower grower that he stayed.

He built a greenhouse on Broad Street, Dunkirk. With his own hands he put up the frame, glazed the glass, installed the hot water furnace and pipes, and added a three room apartment for his wife and children to come. The greenhouses still stand as a monument to his skills.

Much later, after the death of his wife, he sold this business to Brent and Paul Harrison. The greenhouses are now known as Maraines Greenery.

L.G. was a good business man, a successful grower, and an artist with his floral designs. He was very proud to be able to say he never sold an old flower. He was a gentle but firm father. He, who never went past the 4th grade, sent two daughters to college.

Olive helped in the greenhouse, cared for the children, made the girls' clothes, taught Sunday school in the Methodist Church, and was esteemed by the town's people. She was a loving and considerate mother.

They had two children: Barbara Eugenia (Nov. 21, 1909) and Josephine Corilla (March 16, 1908).

Barbara graduated from Dunkirk H.S. in 1927, and from Ball State College in 1931 with degrees in English, Latin, and Physiology. She worked at Hart Glass Company as a stenographer from 1931-1938. It became Armstrong Cork while she was there. She taught at Eaton H.S. 1955-56, Marion H.S. 1966-67, and was school librarian at Mississinawa School System 1967-71.

She is a member of Alpha Sigma Tau, Eastern Star, Research Club, and Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church.

On Nov. 23, 1934 she married Todd Lamar Wyrick (1909-1973).

His parents were Delta Deeds Wyrick (1899-1919) and Frank Wyrick (1896-1937). The Wyricks and Deeds have been long time Jay Co. residents.

They had two daughters besides the son: Martha Louise Wyrick Steed (1911) and Mildred Wyrick Shroyer (1913). The girls have lived in Jay Co. most of their lives.

Lamar was a finisher on cement pavements on state roads, managed the Barbier Greenhouse 1934-1941, and worked as a mechanic at Brodericks in Muncie from 1941-1945. From that date until 1965, Todd was an agent and staff manager of the Prudential Insurance Company.

Two daughters were born in the Lamar Wyrick home on

Broad Street, Durkirk: Judith Diane (1940) and Phyllis Lynn (1941).

Judy graduated from DHS in 1958 where she was a well remembered drum major of the school's marching band. She received the degree in music performance from Ball State U. in 1962 and a M.A. degree from Michigan U. at Ann Arbor in 1964. She studied under Bomar Cramer. Judith taught music at Drake University and played the French horn in the Des Moines Symphony; taught in Dallas, Texas public school system; was head of the piano department at Taylor U.; and taught piano at East State Texas University. She, at present, gives piano lessons to a chosen group.

Judy married William Abbott in 1969. They live in Greenville, Texas.

Phyllis Lynn graduated from DHS in 1959 and from Indiana University in 1963 with a major in social work. She was a leader at Indiana because of her work in the Y.W.C.A. there. In 1968 she received a M.A. degree in social work from Wayne State, Detroit, Michigan.

She has worked for the Y.W.C.A. in Indianapolis, for the Model Cities Program in Detroit, was director of Threshold in Detroit, and worked for the National "Y" with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia and St. Louis, Missouri. Currently Phyllis is Executive Director of the Y.W.C.A. in Flint, Michigan.

It should be remembered that these two girls started their successful educational careers in Jay Co.

Olive and Leon Barbier's oldest daughter was Josephine Corilla. She received her names from her two grandmothers.

When she and her sister Barbara were small children, they played "house" under the flower beds in the greenhouses. Later they helped their father pot flowers, weed beds, make floral sprays, and wait upon customers. They earned ten cents an hour. By the time they were in high school and college their pay was 25 cents an hour.

Josephine enjoyed every day in school. She earned a high school letter in basketball.

While at Ball State College where she earned a B.A. degree in 1929, she was "Y" book editor and business manager, president of all Campus Girls' Club, president of Cleo History Club, and leader of Delta Sigma Social Sorority. Her most prestigeous appointment was Associate Editor of the Orient, the college annual.

Upon graduation she taught one year at Roll in Blackford Co. When she was offered the job she said "yes" and never asked what the salary was to be. It was the depression. She was married January 1930, and that spring lost her job. Women teachers could not be married in 1930.

Josephine married James Robert Harshman (1906-1973). Robert was a Dunkirk boy. He lived all his 67 years in that city in Jay Co.

Robert's father was Harvey Henry Nelson Tilden Harshman (1877-1955), a glass worker in Tiffin, Ohio, who joined the United States Army in 1898 during the Spanish American War.

When he returned home from the war via the Pennsylvania R.R., he stopped in Dunkirk to visit his sister Lillie (1875-1925). His sister had come to live in the city because of the gas boom. She lived on West Center Street with her husband, Henry Landolt, as of 1896.

H.H. Harshman remained in Dunkirk and worked at Indiana Glass most of his life. He roomed at Martha Robeson Faulkner's (Mrs. James Monroe) home and married her daughter in July 1904. The daughter was Katherine Porter Faulkner (1881-1924).

A number of Faulkners had come to Jay County because of the discovery of gas. Martha's brother Art Faulkner owned and operated a glass factory in the city of Dunkirk.

H.H. Harshman's parents were James Sampson (1852-1925) and Mary Ann Catherine Elizabeth Harshman (1855-1940). They were married in 1873 in Tiffin, Ohio and died there. They had 11 children.

Harvey H. was a prominent citizen of Dunkirk. In 1912 he ran for Congress on the Republican Ticket. He was Post Master of Dunkirk; and during F.D.R.'s terms of office as President of the United States, he was International Representative for the American Flint Glass Workers' Union.

Harvey and Katherine had five children: James Robert (1906-1973), Arthur Lincoln (1909-1979), Jed Clark (1912), Genevieve Harshman (1916), and Katheryn Jane (1918).

The two older sons stayed in Dunkirk while the other three children found their fortunes in distant places.

Jed, after graduation from Ball State University, married Mary Evelyn Huffman in 1942. He went to Lancaster, Pa., and until his retirement was the tax accountant for Armstrong Cork Co. He and Mary had three daughters: Susan, Janet, and Kay.

Genevieve Margaret married Thomas Giles Stragand in 1940. They had three children: Tom Jr. (1943), Gretchen (1941), and Sally (1950). The family moved to Venice, California.

Katheryn Jane (1918) married in 1939 Robert Smith Green. They moved to Worthington, Ohio. Bob was a Dean in Ohio State University. They had one child, Kay.

The two boys who stayed in Dunkirk became leaders in the community.

Arthur Lincoln (1909-1979) was Mgr. of Design at Indiana Glass Co. He became a well-known artist with works exhibited in the Congressional Library and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Glass Museum of Dunkirk was dedicated to his memory in 1981. He married Geraldine Buckles (1915). They had one son, Arthur Lincoln II (1940), who has received a Ph.D. History of Art from the University of Chicago. He lives and teaches in California.

James Robert Harshman (1906-1973) was born and lived 23 years in the family home on Orange Avenue, Dunkirk. Grandma Faulkner, two uncles, and two aunts lived only a block away.

Early in his career he developed his skill at story telling when he practiced on his playmates sitting on the curb under the street light after an afternoon of go-sheepy-go. He was a good fighter, his words. He had to be, for even as late as his first grade school days, he was dressed as Buster Brown with his golden curls.

Bob graduated from Dunkirk H.S. in 1922 in the first class to have that honor in the new building. He went to college at Western Reserve, but came home after an accident in Cleveland. He was a mold maker at Indiana Glass for almost twenty years.

Robert was an extremely active citizen. He was a speaker in popular demand, president of Jay Co. T.B. Asso., president and member of the Dunkirk School Board for nine years, Worshipful Master and also secretary of the Masonic Lodge #275 and was a church leader. He worked with Boy

Scouts and the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Bob was active in the Itannicnic Club and served as its secretary. For the club he wrote and produced minstrels playing the role of interlocutor.

In his union he was on the Mold Making Executive Board A.F.G.U. and as such went to the wage conferences for a number of years.

For the last 24 years of his long service in the glass industry, Bob was Asst. Personnel Mgr. Armstrong Cork, editor of the house organ, and Supervisor Employee Services.

For fun he liked to play tennis and golf and serve as Master of Ceremonies at Christmas parties. Robert built furniture and remodeled his home on East Washington Street where he lived with Josephine from 1937 to 1973.

He was very proud to be a member of A.A. for 27 years with out a day's mistake.

Among his written works are: Characters of Dunkirk; The Crown City Cavalcade, as editor; Our First One Hurdred Years, Dunkirk Lodge #275 F. and A.M.; and How It Was To Be A Boy In Dunkirk.

Josephine was also busy during these marriage years. She went back to Ball State in 1967 to earn a M.A. in U.S. History, taught at I.P. Gray for six years and 20 years at DHS. When she retired in 1973, her room number 201 was retired with her.

Jo was Worthy Matron of Eastern Star, Delta Kappa Gamma president, and president of the Research Club. She also was a member of Alpha Sigma Tau, Business and Professional Women, Pi Gamma Mu, and Pi Lambda Theta honories.

She gave a great deal of time to her church, Mt. Tabor United Methodist, and to the Republican Party.

For fun she read, played bridge, grew flowers and vegetables and enjoyed her travels to Europe, the Orient, Africa, and the South Pacific.

James Robert and Josephine Corilla had two children: Robert Lee (1933) and Eleanor Jo (1931).

Eleanor graduated from DHS in 1952 with high honors and a scholarship to Indiana University. As a young girl she performed in Dance Reviews in Muncie; in high school she was a member of the band and drama club; in college she joined the Sigma Kappa Sorority.

Ellie received both B.S. and A.B. degrees in 1952 and 1953 respectively from I.U. She taught speech therapy at Mitchell, Indiana, and at Columbus, Indiana.

August 1955 she flew to Orleans, France, and was married to William Edward Reifsteck who was a Lieutenant in the Army stationed there. Edward was an Indiana University graduate of the School of Law.

Ellie and William had three children: William Edward II (56) born in France, Carla Jo (59), and Robert Bruce (64).

At present they live in Haddonfield, New Jersey, where William practices law in the firm-Farr, Reifsteck, Wolf, and Ware.

Robert Lee Harshman was a Boy Scout and was a Speedcat in three sports in high school in Dunkirk. He was a member of Demolay at Portland.

He graduated from high school in 1952 with the "Outstanding Student Award". Bob went to Purdue with a Navy Scholarship. He received his commission and his B.E. degree in 1956.

At present he is a Commander U.S.N.R. and is Vice President of Green International Engineer Inc. In 1956 Bob married Donna Gibson (1936). They live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Robert and Donna have three children: Robert Brooks (57), Suzanne Gene (59), and John Gibson (1964).

The spring of 1981, the "Barbier Girls" in their seventies still lived in their home town. Surely 1869 to 1981 is a Jay County Record for one family. *Submitted by Mrs. Josephine Harshman.*

Joseph F. Scher

Joseph (1900) is the son of Joseph W. (1856-1943) and Magdalene (Gill) Scher (1855-1906) of Huntington Co., Ind., and Mildred (1906) is the daughter of Forrest A. (1884-1947) and Anna L. (Smith) Brown (1883-1974), both of Penn Twp., but for a time residents of Blackford Co. Anna's parents were Dillwyn P. (1840-1930) and Sarah (Dugdale) Smith (1840-1904). Anna moved back to Penn Twp. in 1924 and married George R. Paxson (1876-1952). Forrest was the son of Morris N. (1862-1950) and Missouri (Brown) Brown (1862-1931).

The Schers have two son: Joseph Forrest (1929), who married Barbara (1933), daughter of Ray and Kathleen (Fulkerson) Platt, has children: Joi (1955), Mark (1957), Amy (1961), and Jill (1965); Norbert D. (1931), who married Suzanne (1940), daughter of Theodore and Geraldine (Williams) Waltz of Pennville, has daughters, Jody and Jennifer.

Dillwyn Smith's parents, Edmund (1814-1853) and Eliza (Dutton) Smith, came to Jay Co. in October 1838 from Columbiana Co., Ohio and settled near Balbec. Edmund was a carpenter and cabinet maker, and in addition to houses, built furniture and coffins for the neighborhood. After his death, Eliza married William R. Dugdale whose wife, Ann Hilles, had died in 1850 leaving a daughter, Sarah, that later married Dillwyn.

To Dillwyn and Sarah were born Eveline D. (1863-1940), Mary E. (1866-1934), Charles W. (1870-1936), Louis A. (1876-1961), and Anna L. (1883-1974).

Eveline married Sylvester Hunt (1839-1916) and their children were: Emilie, Mabel, Leslie, and Harland. After his

Joseph and Mildred Scher

death, she married William D. Slay. Mary E. was married to Plymouth D. Montgomery, and mother of Ada and Mark. Charles married Carrie Lewis and had a daughter, Helen Dean. Louis married Harriett Mendenhall and their children were Vera, who married Harvey Engle and had children: Robert, Wanda, Vivian, Beverly, Martha Ellen, and Elva, Dwight L., who married Adalene Griffith and has two daughters, Joanna and Alice Jane; Lloyd, who married Ardith (Juelke) Crawl and has two sons, John and Lloyd Jr. and daughters, Geraldine and Lois, plus an adopted son, Ray. Anna, mother of Mildred who submitted this sketch.

Mildred's paternal grandparents were Morris N. (1862-1950) and Missouri (Brown) Brown (1862-1931), daughter of Samuel and Mary (Oliver) Brown. Morris was the son of James (1827-75) and Rachel Ward Brown (1832-95). The James Browns came from Washington Court House, Ohio and settled two miles west of Pennville; the Samuel Browns were from Delaware and Wells Counties, Ind. The Smiths, Dugdales, and Browns were all of English descent.

I have inquired as to why the Smiths and Duttons and Dugdales came to Jay County and was told because of lack of land in England and also in the East, it was deemed best to move on to unoccupied territory. It was customary for families to give land to the first son and so on down and they just plain ran out of land. Mostly there were large families, hence they came from the east coast to Pennsylvania, then Ohio, then on west to Indiana, Iowa and Idaho or other states.

In 1838 when they moved to Jay County it was mostly uncleared land, and they cleared the land and built homes here. So our forefathers settled in Penn Township, Jay County, Indiana and were farmers. *Submitted by Mildred Scher.*

John H. Schisler Family

John Henry Schisler was born June 11, 1911 in Portland. He was the son of Adolph, who died in 1940, and Rosena (Gick) Schisler, who died in 1963. He had one sister, Kathryn, who married Bernard Rice. They live east of Portland. John had two brothers, George of Geneva and Donald who lived in Pennville before his death in 1975. John lived in Portland most of his life and attended school in Portland.

In 1933 he married Mabel Rarick, who was born November 3, 1909 in Jay County. She was the daughter of John, who died in 1950 and Josie (Hanlin) Rarick, who died in 1936. Mabel had two sisters, Faye Garringer who lives in Portland and Hazel Henley who lived in Tennessee and is now deceased. She had one brother, John Orville Rarick who lived in Jay County until 1958 when he moved to Michigan. Mabel has lived all her life in Jay County, attending Portland schools. She graduated from Portland High School in 1926. She graduated from Earlham College in Richmond in 1930.

John and Mabel owned and operated the Karmel Korn Shop in Portland from 1933 to 1945. When they sold that store, John started a sporting goods store at 307 North Meridian Street in Portland. he sold that to William Hutchins in 1951.

When Mabel's father died in 1950 they decided to move to the farm beside the Jay County Fairgrounds, where Mabel had lived as she grew up. They reside there at the present time. They farmed the land from 1951 to 1957. When Jay County's last major flood in July 1957 wiped out all of the crops for that year, it was time to do something else. John found employment in Portland and in 1960 started driving the company car for Sheller-Globe and drove for them until 1966.

Mabel started teaching school in Pennville and continued for 17 years until she retired in 1974. She attended Ball State University night classes and summers to receive her Master's degree in education in 1962.

After John left Sheller-Globe, he farmed again until he retired in 1976.

John and Mabel have two children. Mary Ann was born May 9, 1942. She is married to Douglas Littan. They both work at the Commercial Review paper office. Mary Ann is a reporter and Douglas works in the photographic department. Mary Ann had four children: Carmen, Robert, James, and Thomas Martin. Robert was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1979. Carmen is married to Anthony Martyne. They have a son, Vincent.

John Dale Schisler was born July 8, 1944. He married Linnie Hodgson. He has three children: Terri, John Dale Jr. and Mellissa. He is employed at Hardy division of Sheller-Globe in Union City. Linnie is employed at the Jay County Hospital.

All the family are members of the West Walnut Street Church of Christ in Portland. *Submitted by Mabel Schisler.*

John M. Schisler

Augusta Blaine (Gussie) Kinsey, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D.S. Kinsey, was born August 2, 1884. She married John M. Schisler, owner of the Muncie Bus Company before his death in 1934. They were the parents of three daughters, both Leah Florence and Freda Fern died in childhood, and Bessie. Bessie married Paul Ginns, and they were the parents of one daughter, Donna Jean (Mrs. Tom Wentz). On Halloween night, 1963, an explosion at the Indianapolis Coliseum during a performance of the Ice Capades brought tragedy to this small family. Agusta Schisler and Donna Jean Wentz were killed instantly. Bessie Ginns died two days later in an Indianapolis hospital. Paul Ginns survived with crippling injuries which contributed to his early death several years later. *Submitted by Kay Miller Fansler.*

Scholer

Jacob Scholer, born July 10, 1883 in the northwest corner of Madison Township, in Jay County, son of Heinrich and Anne (Wuthrich) Scholer. He attended Lookout School. He married Iris Emeretta Caster on May 1, 1915. She was born March 15, 1892. She attended Mrs. Blaker's School in Indianapolis and Eastern Indiana Normal College, and taught three years in the Jay County Schools before marrying. Jacob farmed the homestead in Madison Township. They were members of the Salamonia Reformed Church. Jacob died February 27, 1943. Iris spent her latter years with her youngest daughter, Ruth Joan of Greencastle, Indiana. She passed away October 26, 1980.

Jake was 19 years of age when his father passed away. He stayed on the farm attending the work with his mother.

After the next 13 years, most of the family having left the homestead, he married my mother, May 1, 1915. Two years later, his mother passed away. At this time, he borrowed money to buy the shares from his sisters and brothers for his homeplace.

In 1924, father purchased his first automobile, a Model T-Ford Touring Car. It made it easier to take the grain to Salamonia to get it ground for the livestock. During the winter months, he would pour a large teakettle of boiling water over the manifold to get it started. If that failed, he'd hitch a horse to the car and pull it around in the barnyard until it started.

The methods of feeding stock in those years were different from these days. They managed to raise enough of each to be self-sufficient as possible. They did not sell milk as today, but ran it through a separator, and sold the cream after they made all the butter they required. Butter was made in a gallon sized glass churn, using two day old cream kept at room temperature, and beat until the fat and buttermilk separated. The skim milk, after saving the amount needed for the table, was fed to the pigs, in wooden troughs, and the clabber (sour) milk was fed to the chickens. They usually raised enough chickens to supply their needs of eggs and meat, (like from one to five hundred). They sold, or traded, the excess eggs for sugar and other groceries needed from a horse-drawn huckster wagon. This grocery wagon was made mostly of wood, similar in style as the present day vans, with shelves along each side with supplies, which came around every week or two. There were no refrigerators and we did not have an ice box as the city folks had. We had a cellar house with a basement, in which to keep the food supplies. Neighbors would help butcher hogs, or cows, for our meat, usually done during the winter months. The hogs were cut into usual sections of hams, shoulders, sides, etc., and the excess fat was trimmed and cut into about two inch pieces, placed into a large iron kettle over an open fire in the barnyard, to render the lard out of it (after being cooked to a crisp) by scooping, or dipping it, into a lard press, the remains were called, "cracklins". The large sections of meat was placed into large wooden barrels of sugar-brine solution to cure. The remainder of the meat was ground into fresh sausage, put into casings made from the intestines that were previously cleaned, put into salt water, and scraped. Then the sausage was baked or fried and placed into gallon crocks and covered with the lard that was cooked out of the sausage. These crocks were covered with newspapers and muslin, secured tightly with string and stored.

The same neighborly manner was used to harvest the wheat and oats. They did not have machinery such as combines, instead they had a community threshing machine. The wives would work together preparing the meals for these threshermen and we children would delight carrying water fresh from the well to the men to drink. The excess wheat was taken to the mill and exchanged for a year's supply of flour, stored upstairs, as mother used most of it to make homemade bread. She kept a quart jar of potatoe water to grow a yeast mixture at all times. As she used from this mixtue, she'd replace it with new potatoe water and yeast.

When the apple season was at it's peak, the folks would take the windfall apples to the cider mill to have gallons of apple cider made. Then on a specific day, they would boil this cider in a very large iron kettle over an open fire in the barnyard. While the cider was boiling, we would add choice pieces of picked apples, peeled and sliced, stirring constantly with a long wooden pole approximately six feet long with a board about four inches wide and two or three feet long attached to the pole, perpendicularly having corn husks tied through inch holes of the extreme end, to stir the cider and apples. When the mixture was cooked to a glossy look, sugar was added and the apple butter was placed into gallon crocks and covered with about a quarter inch of hot paraffin, tightly covered with muslin and stored for future use. Some people added some cinnamon to the apple butter.

Father depended on the sale of his surplus hogs to make payments on the loan for the farm. The old method of fattening hogs took twice as long as the modern methods of today; for example, the present day farmers can fatten hogs to the proper size for butchering in six months, whereas it took father a year to bring a hog to that same size. We like to record success stories, but thos older days had their disadvantages. One day, father went to the hog lot, as usual, to feed them an ear of corn as they were almost ready to market. Unbelievable, before his eyes laid a bunch of nice fat hogs, dead!! What was the cause, Cholera had struck. In these days, they had not yet discovered the serum to combat this dreadful disease. So, the farm extension agent recommended buring them, plowing the ground under wherever the hogs had roamed, and cleaning the hog house, a building 20' x 30' thoroughly, spraying and painting with Creosote, a disinfectant and go a year without any hogs, which was a blow to my father.

I recall a Sunday morning, when mother was frying chicken on a wood burning range cook stove, to go to the Scholer reunion. My sister Martha and I were washing dishes and we heard something fall above the kitchen ceiling. There being a door to the attic to the left of the kitchen stove, mother opened that door to find the roof on fire. I ran outside to yell for father who was weeding the potato patch in the apple orchard. In the meantime, mother unsuccessfully tried to throw a bucket of skim milk on the fire. So father arrived on the scene, picked up an axe, requested Martha and I to take three gallon size buckets in each hand, and dip water from the watering tank. We ran with them, handing them to mother, as he had chopped a hole where the fire had burned, tossing water there, climbed out onto the unburned portion, mother handing him water that we girls had gotten. People going to S.S. noticed excessive smoke coming above the house, stopped to offer assistance, but we had the fire under control in a short time. The cause of the fire was burning wood sparks from the kitchen chimney falling on the dry wooden shingles of the kitchen roof, igniting them.

Father usually kept six work horses to do the farming. He had one extra good Belgium work mare that he had bred each year to have a colt. After the colts became two years of age, he would hitch them beside the best team to break them to work. These colts happened to all be male and extra wild, so father had U-bits made at the blacksmith shop at Salamonia to put in the bridles of these colts in an attempt to tame them. One day, during the hay-making season, he had a colt hitched with a mare to the hay wagon when the pair took off and ran down the woods lane, at the place where the lane turned, a cement end post stopped the runaways with the wagon tongue coming in contact with that post.

When I was in the sixth grade of school, the Model-T School Bus, made mostly of wood, and consisting of a boardbench lengthwise along each side and one eight inch board bench through the center, was the only bus our township could afford those days. So that one motorized bus made two trips each morning and evening, transportating children to a consolidated school. It fell my lot to be on the early bus, so we had time during mornings to visit with the early arrivals, before classes came to order. There were more boys in my class than girls, so I listened to their tales, as they were more interesting to me. Trapping was the main subject discussed. So I talked these discussions with father upon arriving home in the evenings. He informed me that we had six or eight traps that we could set in some broken tile ditches and holes in hollow trees, which we did. Thereafter, I set the alarm clock to get up early (by five o'clock) each morning to attend those traps, reset them, and carry the live rabbits together to ring their necks and skin them. They made very good eating, those cold winter months. I compared notes each morning with those school mates, but they were disappointed that I never caught a skunk in one of my traps.

My parents did not go to Portland unless necessary to go to the bank or for some important business. Many times I wanted to go to see a different world, but the reply that I usually received was, "clean up the house, and I'll bring you some bananas" which I thought was a treat. That was something that we couldn't grow or raise and mother did not believe in giving children candy.

One Halloween, I wanted very much to participate. So I begged father to promise to take me to Salamonia to the party. He said that he would take me if I'd do the chores so that he could get ready in time. Therefore, I worked diligently, throwing down silage from the silo for the cows and hay from the hay mow for the horses. I made an eye face mask marking slanted eye brows with a black crayon, wore a long black stocking (which was common) over my hair and dangling down my back, and wore mother's kimona (robe) which was of large purple flowered satin, as my costume for the masquarde parade. I won the prize, a framed poem, "Trees", for being the best nationality represented. To our surprise, when we came out of the Salamonia Town Hall, it was snowing just about as hard as it could snow. So when we arrived home, father said that we'd have to get into some everyday winter clothes and catch the chickens that were in the trees of the orchard, and put them on the roost inside of the chicken house out of the weather. When chickens are exposed to the winter weather too much, they stop laying eggs for months, and we could not afford to have that happen. So carrying a kerosene lantern, we preceeded to catch those chickens, carrying at least three in each hand by one of each one's legs.

During my childhood, we heated the house with wood that father took from the wooded area of our farm. Usually, he hitched a team of horses to a "mudboat" which consisted of two small poles lengthwise, with rough boards nailed crosswise, to about the size of an average farm wagon. In this manner, it was easier to pull loads of fallen trees, previously trimmed, through mud or snow to the barnyard. There, he sawed by hand, the logs into the proper lengths to put into the stoves. The larger the pieces were used for the living room stove and the smaller one were used in the kitchen range. Each evening, as soon as I'd get home from school, I would carry this wood, stacking it onto a porch, closed on three sides. I'd think there was enough to last a week, but to my amazement, it was almost gone and I'd have to repeat this task every evening. About the time I got married, father purchased a small gasoline engine, which lightened the load of sawing. Also, he purchased a load of coal to burn at least a chunk each night with the wood as it would hold fire better than wood alone in the heating stove.

My last visit with my father alive, but of course I couldn't have known this at that time, was a week before his funeral. He met us at the front gate to assist in carrying one of the babies and the diaper bag into the house. He was very cheerful and happy as usual; bragging that he had made enough money the previous year that he was going to have to pay some income tax, a first time for him. The ironic thing is that the folks burchered a hog the following day, in the process, he cut his finger. A minor thing he thought. In a day or two, the pains in his arms and legs were so severe that he went to a Salamonia doctor, who gave him some medicine for some kind of flu, or aching muscles. He did not get any better. A couple days later mother phoned a Portland doctor. He asked mother to bring him into the office. There, he asked father to remove his union suit (a one-piece combination winter underwear) which many farmers were accustomed to wearing the entire week without removing. (Until they took their Saturday bath.) It was obvious that father had blood poisoning from that cut that he did not treat with merthiolate or any other medication. The Portland doctor entered him in the hospital, but it was too late as his blood poisoning was too advanced and they did not have penicillen available to civilians at that time.

As for mother, her hobbies were landscaping, gardening, and reading. She was a strong believer in proper diet, keeping up on the latest developments and procedures of gardening, and she studied the Bible. She also sewed enough to fulfill our needs and taught us girls how to sew at an early age. I recall cutting and sewing a quilt top at about the age of eight, but we knotted the batting instead of quilting it, because that method was easier at that young age.

Father had an orphan fellow, Wilson Hutchins, assisting him with the farm work in his early farming. After he left, mother would help father as much as possible. One summer, she left my sister and I fenced in the yard, to help father shock the wheat. They did not have combines those days. They cut the wheat and oats, tied them into sheaves, then set the sheaves, starting with two, then two more, etc. until they had what they called a shock. They bent the last two sheaves to put on top to shed the rain, to be thrashed by a community thrashing machine whenever the grain became dried. My parents worked until dark and we did not eat our evening meal until late. My sister, Martha, and I got tired of staying in the yard, crawled under the gate and ventured to one of our neighbors, just in time for their evening meal. I can still smell and taste those good fried potatoes and bacon. Mother did not believe in feeding us children fried foods saying that they were too difficult to digest.

Martha and I belonged to the 4-H sewing club and our meetings were held at the school house, six miles from home. I drove our Model-T Ford to attend the meetings. Ruby May of Salamonia, had a new Chevrolet with gear shift, which our Ford did not have. She challenged me saying that our old car could not go as fast as her new one. I took that challenge, saying that it could. So I kept up with her, but upon entering the east side of Salamonia, she slowed faster that I; the road at that time had loose gravel on it, but I managed to manuever around her. Martha gave a yelp saying we made it around her on two wheels.

Mother baked all the bread that the family required, using the basic potato water and yeast mixture, usually every other day, making three loaves and a pan of buns, each time. She also fed and cared for about 500 chickens, placing the pullets into the laying house in the fall, and eating or selling the roosters. Pullets layed more eggs without the roosters around.

Washing the family's soiled clothes was one of mother's weekly chores. We did not have the electric water system as of these days, nor any water heater. She started first thing on the wash day by pumping buckets of water from a hand pump, which was outdoors next to the back door. She would empty these buckets of water into a copper boiler, which sat over two burners of the kitchen range to get hot. This boiler was 10 or 12'' x 15-20'' tall, and approximately 24'' from front to back. The washer was run by a hand lever on a cog wheel causing the aggitater to work. While the water was getting hot, a wet cake of homemade soap was applied to the extreme soiled spots. After the necessary warm water was placed in the washing machine, shavings of cake soap added (no detergent) then the lightest or whiter clothes were washed first; the darker or darkest ones were washed last. The first load of the whitest clothes and sheets were boiled thoroughly in the washer boiler, and stirred with a wooden stick, similar to a broom handle. Then all clothes were rinsed twice in two large galvanized tubs of cold water, the last one having bluing in the water for bleaching. The water was squeezed out of the wet clothes with a hand operated wringer made of two rollers covered with rubber. They were on a metal frame which was transferred from the washer to the tubs, and fastened with screw clamps, wherever the wringer was needed, and turned by hand with a small handle. If the weather did not permit the clothes to be hung outside to dry, lines of heavy string were arranged in the house and used to hang the clothes to dry. The clothes that required ironing were sprinkled the night before ironing, rolled tightly and put into a clothes basket. Irons were placed on the kitchen range (usually three) and kept hot by firing the range all day, to do the ironing. Also that was the chosen day to cook navy beans with ham bone.

The folks slept upon feather ticks, instead of mattresses, consisting of ticking, a very heavy and closely woven material filled with duck or goose feathers. We children slept upon straw ticks. Every year, after the wheat and oars were thrashed, the folks would replace the old straw with new straw.

We did not cut a tree for Christmas, nor buy one. We had a skeleton tree approximately five feet tall that we tied evergreen branches on. Then we strung popped corn on string of great lengths to decorate the tree and added a few clip on candles that were about three inches and perhaps one quarter (¼) of an inch in diameter. The candles were lit after dark only for a short time, and carefully watched for safety sake.

Jacob Scholer and his wife had six children: Elsie Elizabeth, Martha Ethel, Herman Elsworth, Anna Marie, who passed away a little after two years of age due to whooping cough and an enlarged heart, Jacob Leland, and Ruth Joan. They attended Madison Township Consolidated School.

Elsie, married to Wilson L. Evans, and they had seven children: Georgia Ann, Rose Marie, Harold Russell, Kay Eileen, Faye Irene, Gary Lee, and Earl Wayne. *Submitted by Elsie Elizabeth Evans.*

Scholer

Henry Scholer married Flora Hilfiker. They had three children: Mary, Carl, and Noah. They lived in Wayne Twp., Jay Co.

Noah Bernard Scholer, Wayne Twp., Jay Co. (9-16-07 to 8-4-79) married Velma Idora Milthaler, Madison Twp., Jay Co. (5-16-1912) on 2-14-1934, and moved to Greene Twp., Jay Co. They had eight children: Robert, Glenn, Donald, Kathryn, Ellen, Margaret, Ruth and Richard. Velma went to Ball State College two years before they were married. After the children were in school and Noah continued farming, she finished her two years and graduated in August 1956 with a bachelor's degree. In Sept. 1956 she began teaching business at Bryant High School, while also working on her master's degree. In 1962 she received her master's degree at the same time Glenn, Donald, and Kathryn received their bachelor's from Ball State. Later Ellen, Margaret, and Ruth graduated from Ball State with both degrees. Richard graduated from Purdue-IU in Fort Wayne with an engineering degree. Glenn spent three years in the Army, and is teaching at Jay County High School, Donald is teaching at Carmel, Ind., Kathryn taught in Adams and Jay counties. Ellen is teaching at Bloomfield, Margaret is substituting in Jay and Blackford counties, Ruth is teaching in South Bend and Richard is a draftsman for International Harvester in Ft. Wayne.

Jay Co. adults expressed a concern for Ball State education and in 1970 contacted Jay Co. Supt. and Ball State Extended Services. A professor from Ball State would come to Jay Co. if 15 adults were concerned. Velma found 17 in two days. Since Liber College near Portland was transferred to Ball State, it was proper to bring Ball State back to Jay Co. Night classes were started at Bloomfield then Portland H.S. and then to the Jay Co. High School. Velma worked with the Ball State Extended Services for ten years. Several Jay County adults have now graduated from Ball State and are teaching in Jay, Adams, and Randolph counties, without being on campus for more than a lab course.

Velma Scholer has also taught accounting for Ball State University for the last seven years in Jay County night classes, until Dec. 1980.

Robert Lee died shortly after birth in 1936. Glenn Max married Judy Kay Yager and they have five children: Laundon, 1961; Beth Jerome, 1963; Christa, 1965; Shaun Noah, 1967; and Aaron Joshua, 1971. Donald Dale married Pauline Knoblock and they have three children: Gregory Paul, 1965; Amy, 1966; and Douglas Andrew, 1971. Kathryn Anne married Kenneth Smith and there are no children. Ellen Marie married Robert Owen Bash and has four children: Robert Owen Jr., 1960; Gary Duane, 1961; Jeffery Alan, 1963; and Jennifer Jo, 1965. Margaret Jane married Gayle Edward Brown and has four children: Ronald Edward, 1962; Debbie Jane, 1966; Twila Sue, 1968; and Stephen Matthew, 1971. Ruth Evelyn married Dennis Little and has two children: Denita Susie, 1965; and Daniel

Noah Scholer Family

Standing: Mrs. Richard (Tammy) Scholer, Richard Scholer, Jeff Bash, Robert Bash, Sr., Mrs. Robert (Ellen) Bash, Sr., Robert Bash, Jr., Donald Scholer, Gregg Scholer (Donald's son), Debbie Brown (Galye's dau.), Gayle Brown, Judy Scholer (Glenn's wife), Seth Scholer (Glenn's son), Glenn Scholer, Mrs. Dennis (Ruth) Little, Dennis Little. Seated in middle row: Mrs. Noah (Velma) Scholer, Jennifer Bash (Robert's dau.), Mrs. Donald (Pauline) Scholer, Amy Scholer (Donald's dau.), Mrs. Gayle (Margaret) Brown, Denita Little (Dennis' dau.), Mrs. Kenneth (Kathryn) Smith and Kenneth Smith. Kneeling in front: Allena Scholer (Richard's dau.), Brad Scholer (Richard's son), Stephen Brown (Gayle's son), Twila Brown (Gayle's dau.). Not present were: Laundon, Christa, Shawn, and Aaron Scholer. (Glenn's children and Ronnie Brown, Gayle's son and Noah Scholer, deceased.

Stephen, 1980. Richard Allen married Tamessa Green and has two children: Allena, 1970; and Bradley, 1972. *Submitted by Velma I. Scholer.*

Schramm

Catharine Amanda Mitchell, b. 1910, is the daughter of the late Cyrus Odell, and Dottie D. Freeman Mitchell. (The Mitchells are written in the Dr. Jay 1922 History.) Mr. Mitchell was a well-known educator in Portland and Jay County, vice-president, general manager of the Portland Silo Company.

Catherine had two brothers, both deceased at an early age. She is married to Donald Schramm, the son of the Henry Schramm's of Portland. They live on Hayes Street in Portland. Donald was connected with the Portland Silo Company with Mr. Mitchell, and after Cyrus' death, was manager until fire destroyed the Silo Company. Donald and Catharine were both teachers. Catharine often substituted in the school systems while the children were in upper levels of school. They are parents of two children, David and Nancy.

David Schramm is an ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church at Mishawaka, Ind. David and his wife, Joyce, lead retreats in marriage enrichment in many states. They have four children.

Nancy lives in Toledo, Ohio where she is director of the Visual Handicapped program in the Penta Co. school system. She has two children.

Catharine attended Earlham College and is a graduate of Ohio State University. She has been connected with the United Church Women's organization in Portland, and Jay County since the beginning. She was director of the Migrant Program in Jay County. This group promotes better living conditions and medical care for the migrants who help with the tomato crops and the extra help for the canning program in the fall in Jay and surrounding areas. Catharine has always been supportive of and actively involved with all facets of the United Womens Society of the Asbury Church, where both she and Donald are members.

For many years, Catharine directed the youth work of the church. She was camp mother, counselor and good friends to all who attended Epworth Forest Youth Fellowship retreats during the years David and Nancy were growing up. She continued many years after, also.

The Donald A. Schramm Family

Donald Albert, twin son of Henry and Louisa Schramm, was born March 28, 1909, in Portland, Indiana, on Sept. 9, 1930, he married Catharine Amanda Mitchell, who was born March 20, 1910. Both graduated from Ohio State University. They had two children.

David Carl, son, born May 2, 1939, was married to Joyce Elaine Arnold on June 18, 1961. Joyce was born Aug. 18, 1939 in Desoto, Ind., daughter of Herbert S. and Sarah Arnold. Both graduated from DePauw University. Joyce was a school teacher, David went to Garrett Seminary. He has been a Methodist minister since 1963, residing now in Mishawaka, Indiana. They have four children: Jeanne, daughter, born June 6, 1965; John Mark, son, born Nov. 5, 1967; Mary Jane, daughter, born June 8, 1969; and Julie Lynne, daughter, born April 26, 1971.

Nancy Carolyn, daughter, born Aug. 15, 1941, married to Neil Douglas Cowling Dec. 28, 1963, both graduating from DePauw University, born Sept. 27, 1942. They have two children. Stephen Neil, born June 3, 1968 and Joy Elizabeth, born March 3, 1971. Nancy is a learning disability supervisor in Penta County Schools near Toledo, Ohio.

Donald A. Schramm was born in Portland, Indiana on March 28, a twin, the first and only in the family. Dale, the other son of Henry and Louisa Schramm died the next day.

I grew up and graduated in the last class from the old high school, The Judge Haynes, in the west part of Portland in 1926. I went to Ohio State University and graduated in 1931, with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the field artillery. Married to Catharine Amanda Mitchell in 1930, Sept. 9th, and she graduated in 1931 at Ohio State, having completed three years of college at Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana.

I went on active duty in the army in 1935-37, being assigned to the Civilian Conservation Camps in California, and also later to the camp at Whithall, Montana, ending active duty there in 1937.

Upon returning home to Portland, Indiana, I became a part owner in the Portland Silo Co. and in 1953 became general manager and president of the corporation, until fire completely destroyed the company in 1962.

During the war years, 41-46, I taught school at the old Madison High School east of Portland, Redkey High School and Bryant High School. Due to shortage of steel for the factory, we could sell all the silos we were allowed to build during the summer months.

After the fire, I taught physical and biological sciences at Southwest Local High School at Ft. Recovery, Ohio in Mercer County.

During this time under National Science Foundation Grants, I attended the following schools for graduate study in science in the summers. Ball State University 1960; DePauw University 1964; Ohio State University, In-Service/Institute for the entire school year of 1965-66; Northeastern University of Boston 1965; University of Dayton, Ohio 1966; Capital University at Columbus, Ohio 1967; and Earlham College in 1969.

During the time at Southwest Local High School, one to ten students received superior ratings in science fairs at the state level. In 1970-71 in the Chemistry Bowl, sponsored by the American Chemical Society, they attained the quarter finals two years straight.

Four students won the Bausch-Lomb Science Awards for full year scholarships. Two students attended the National Youth Conference for atoms during the years 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970. I also served as judge at the local, district and state science fairs for ten years. I was director of the Math-Science Club for ten years. I served as master of ceremonies at various award banquets.

The 1967 and 76 year book was dedicated to me during these teaching years.

Some of the special awards received by me were:

Outstanding Teacher of Year Award by the Ohio Academy of Science in 1970.

Frederick Krecker Awards, by the Ohio Academy of Science and the Battelle Institute of Columbus for the best science programs in the years 1969-70 and 1970-71.

High School Council, Jr. Academy of Science 1967-71.

District High School Councilman, Jr. Academy of Science 1969-72.

I was active in the Ohio Education Association attending Representitive Special Assembly Delegate 1968; Representitive Assembly 1969 and the Special Representitive Assembly 1969; Representitive Assembly Delegate 1971. These meetings were made possible by the vote of fellow teachers in the entire district.

I was a member of the local, district, state and NEA Associations for 13 years, having held the offices of vice-president in 1968-69, and president in 1969-70 of the Local Association. Worked on the Master Teacher-School Board Contract and helped get it approved by both sides.

Was a member of the following professional organizations: American Chemical Society, Lima Section; Ohio Academy of Science; Jr. Academy of Science (Ohio); American Association for Advancement of Science; Western Ohio Science Teachers Association.

I retired from teaching in the spring of 1976.

I have been a member of the Portland Lions Club for over 40 years, having at this time 40 years of perfect attendance.

I have been a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church of Portland for over 50 years.

Hobbys have been or are, stamp collecting, coin collecting, Lions Club pins, tokens from the states of Indiana and Ohio issued during the Civil War, and paper money issued by the state of Indiana from the time of the Territories to the National Bank era.

Joined the Blue Lodge of Masons, the Scottish Rite and Shrine in Montana during 1935-37 period, transfered to Portland and Ft. Wayne and was a member for over 25 years here. Also was a member of the Flying Shriners of Ft. Wayne. Have now demited from the local and Ft. Wayne Lodges.

Co-authored a book on Indiana Scrip and Obsolete paper money of Indiana.

Since retirement I have been delivering meals for the elderly in Portland. *Submitted by Donald Schramm.*

George Schramm Family

The Schramm family, by whom I claim descent, came to America from Germany in 1863. George Schramm, then 76 years of age, and Margaret, his wife, brought with them two of their three children, Barbara, John and Phillip. Their son was my grandfather.

A storm which blew their sailng vessel off its course, prolonged the voyage to 79 days. Due to this unexpected delay, the food and water supply was very low, and only the children, women and aged persons were given full quoto. My great-grandmother was one of the first to be taken care of.

George lived 14 years after his arrival in this country, being 90 years old at his death. Margaret died at the age of 87. They lived on a farm in Green Township, northwest of Portland.

George Schramm Jr., the eldest of the children, came to American in 1853. He was a carpet weaver and engaged in light farming. He married at the age of 37, and to this union four children were born. He died in 1917 at the age of 88.

John Phillip, the next child, wanted desperately to become a soldier. He used to tell his children how as a boy he ran away from home often to watch the soldiers at drill. The bread for the soldiers was cut to see if it was good enough for the German soldiers to eat. Sometimes it was not, and then John Phillip would run home with a loaf or two of black bread under his arm. He still wanted to be a soldier when he reached manhood, but he was undersized, and on that account was barred from the army. In 1868 he married Caroline Engleman, a girl of German birth. They had eight children. Both John Phillip and Caroline are buried in Green Park Cemetery.

Barbara, the third child and only daughter, was very keen-minded. She was very jolly and loved children, though she herself, was childless. I remember visiting her with my parents on her birthday a few years before her death. She had been under the impression that the next Sunday was her birthday, and when she learned that the day was at hand she laughed and clapped her hands and sang a song in German for the entertainment of her sister and brother.

It is said, though no confirmed, that Andrew, the last child, ran away from home to keep from serving in the German Army. He came to America at the age of 20 or 21. He married in 1866, Rachel Miller, who was also of German birth. He ran a huckster wagon for a time after they were married, later purchasing a small farm near Ansonia, Ohio. He later purchased a farm near Portland where he lived until his death in 1906.

George C. Jr., born May 1, 1829, in Darmstadt, Hesse, Germany. Married July 19th, 1866 to Rachel Fredericka Schultz, born in Boland, Meckenburg, Schenerine Germany Dec. 28, 1841, and died April 1, 1916. They had four children. He died April 8, 1917. David C., the first son born to George C. Jr. and Rachel on Sept. 18, 1867, was married to Anna Roberts, who was born March 21, 1867. They had four children. Clara Lavina, daughter of George and Fredericka, was born April 2, 1869, married to Frank E. LeFevre, who was born March 15, 1862. They had two children. Nellie Martha, daughter of George and Fredericka Schramm, was born Dec. 20, 1870, married June 14, 1888 to Charles Miller, who was born April 21, 1860 and died Oct. 21, 1907. They had five children. John Isaac, son of George and Fredericka Schramm, was born April 12, 1873, married Emma Caroline Wackler, who was born May 4, 1875. They had two children. *Submitted by Donald Schramm.*

Family of Henry Schramm

Henry Carl Schramm, son of Phillip and Caroline Schramm, was born Aug. 18, 1881, was married to Louisa Elvira Reid, on Dec. 24, 1904, who was born Oct. 18, 1887.

Henry was born on a farm near Green Post Office, in Greene Township, Jay County. He worked on the farm and when old enough was a wood cutter. He met Louisa when they were both in the Salvation Army. Louisa, when a young girl, worked at the Adair Hotel on West Main St. in Portland.

After their marriage, Henry worked for the Henry Chalfant Hardware Store, located in the second block on the south side of West Main St.

He owned his first restaurant, which was located on the north side of Main St. across from the now Maitlens Ford Dealer. He had rooms from rent also. This was just before and during the time of the building of the present court house. After he sold this restaurant, he drove a gasoline truck for the Standard Oil Co.

During the second World War, he owned and operated the Headington Hotel and Restaurant, and at the same time was co-owner of a bakery and candy shop, located at the north end of the building which now houses Murphy's Store in Portland.

After selling the Headington Hotel and Candy Store, he went to Ansonia, Ohio where he bought a hardware store and very soon he moved the hardware store to Portland on West Main St. where the West Building of Akers is now located. This was 1924-27. He traded the hardware store for a farm located on the Ft. Recovery Road, the two story brick house, on the east side of the road just before you cross the railroad going into Ft. Recovery.

In 1928, he sold the farm and moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he bought his first Taystee Restaurant, located on North High St. across from Ohio State University.

Years later, he moved back to Portland, in the 1940's and remodeled the house at 421 East Votaw St. where he lived until he died. Louisa, his wife, died Aug. 16th, 1968, and Henry died Aug. 15th, 1973 at the age of 93. From the 40's on until 1960 when he retired he worked for the Portland Silo Co. of Portland, as office manager.

Henry and Louisa Schramm had seven children: Henrieta, born June 22, 1906 and died Aug. 28, 1906; Harry, born July 12, 1907 and died Jan. 6, 1908; Dale, twin son, was born Mar. 28, 1909 and died March 29, 1909; Donald, twin son, was born March 28, 1909, was married to Catharine Amanda Mitchell on Sept. 9, 1930, who was born Mar. 20, 1910. They are both graduates of Ohio State University. Catharine had three years of college at Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana. They have two children, David and Nancy.

Wilma Jane, daughter of Henry and Louisa, was born Nov. 3, 1911, was married to John Stanley V. Allen on Sept. 6, 1931. Both moved to Bethany College, W. Va. where he was head of the physics and math dept. until his death on Dec. 3, 1964. They had two children, William Edward, born Dec. 23, 1943, graduate of Bethany College, presently in Denver, Colorado, and is an English teacher. Stephen A., born Sept. 25, 1946, married to Mary Mahan, July 12, 1969, born July 8, 1947. No children. Married to Kamila Staphe Young, Aug. 25, 1973, born July 13, 1945. Son, Benjamin Gregory, born May 20, 1978, both are high school teachers.

The sixth child, Henry Jr., was born July 15, 1913 and died Sept. 28, 1913. Richard Owen was born Nov. 11, 1918. Married to Iris Sullivan of Columbus, Ohio on Aug. 18, 1940, who was born June 26, 1921. Richard was employed by Glen West in his radio shop, after Richard served his time in the Army in Germany. Then Richard was employed by R.C.A. of Marion, Ind. and Cincinnati, Ohio, currently employed in Marion, Indiana. They had four children: William Henry, born May 23, 1942, married Beverly Schmeyer on Oct. 5, 1963, one son, Robert Wade, born Feb. 24, 1965, married to Darline Radkey, born Jan. 27, 1945, died June 18, 1973, daughter, Marcelle Babette, born Jan. 10, 1969, daughter Tracy, born Feb. 17, 1972. He married Linda Scheffel Nov. 15, 1974; Richard Andrew, born May 22, 1944, married to Carol Owen on Aug. 23, 1964, went to seminary in Kentucky, and is now Presbyterian minister in Tennesse, daughter, Sarah, was born March 30, 1972 and son, John Andrew Oct. 30, 1973, married Ellen Queen in 1980, daughter of Richard and Iris Queen; Barbara Jane, was born April 9, 1947, married to Jim Sawtell on June 24, 1967. Later married Richard Berling Aug. 28, 1976. Two children, Bradford, born June 24, 1977 and Renee, daughter, born June 20, 1980; Martin Wade, son of Richard and Iris, born Nov. 6, 1957, married to Beth Caplinger on Aug. 29, 1981, working for Farm Implement Co. in Iowa as an engineer. *Submitted by Donald Schramm.*

John Phillip Schramm Family

John Phillip Schramm, son of George and Margaret Schramm, was born Dec. 22, 1831 in Darmstadt, Hesse, Germany. First naturalization papers, in 1864, last ones in 1867. He married Caroline Engleman April 4, 1868. Caroline was born Aug. 7, 1844 in Provience, Saxon, Prussia and died March 26, 1913. Phillip was a farmer and rug weaver, who had eight children and died Oct. 11, 1919. Frederick Christian, son, born Aug. 6, 1869, married Adaline Tombilson, birth date unknown, but married Aug. 6, 1897 and who died Dec. 31, 1900. Frederich's death unknown. They had three children. Russell, born July 25, 1898, married in April 1925 to Minnie Darling, who had two children by a former marriage, Wuenton and Edith. No children of their own. Second son, Walter, born Sept. 1899 and died May 1901. Ruby, daughter, born Nov. 1900 and died Feb. 1901.

Daniel Max, son of Phillip, born Nov. 2, 1872 and died June 8, 1873.

Mary Anna, daughter, born April 22, 1874 and died May 30, 1874.

Andrew Gottlieb, son, born Oct. 1, 1875, married Barbara Leister on Aug. 29, 1897, who was born in 1874. They had two children, Marshall, born Oct. 19, 1898, married on Nov. 1929 to Sylvia M. Jonak, who was born Feb. 28, 1907. Bonita, born Dec. 11, 1905, married on Dec. 10, 1933 to Kenneth Runde, who was born Aug. 20, 1903. Bonita graduated from University of St. Louis with a law degree, now retired and living in Florida.

John Phillip Jr., born Jan. 23, 1879 and died Jan. 2, 1881.

Henry Carl Schramm, born Aug. 18, 1881, married Dec. 24, 1904 to Louisa Elvira Reid, who was born Oct. 18, 1887. They had seven children. Louisa died Aug. 16, 1968 and Henry died Aug. 5, 1973. Both are buried in Green Park Cemetery, Portland, Ind.

William Albert, born May 28, 1884, married to Levado Robinson on May 11, 1908, who was born April 4, 1885. They had no children.

Rosa Molinda, daughter, born July 4, 1887, married on May 19, 1906 to Charles Worley, who was born March 4, 1880 and died July 1, 1916 in a saw mill accident in Winchester, Indiana. They had two children. Clarence, son, born April 19, 1908, married to Alice Moore, who was born Nov. 29, 1905, graduated from Portland High School 1927, became an accountant and later a restaurant owner in Indianapolis, Indiana. Edna Mae, daughter, was born May 19, 1912, married Dec. 21, 1930 to James Owen, who was born May 22, 1902. She graduated from high school, attended nurses training in Children's Hospital, Detroit. They have three children. They are now living in Liberty, Ky.

Rosa Schramm, married to Lewis Mason, a cabinet maker and upholsterer here in Portland, on Oct. 29, 1921, who had a son by a previous marriage. In this marriage, no children. Both are deceased. *Submitted by Donald Schramm.*

Wedding picture, February 1893—Mr. and Mrs. Christian Abraham Schumaker.

Schumaker

Christian Abraham Schumaker, his wife (see Emma Fredricka Berner) were married February 1, 1893 in Clark County, Illinois. They and their four daughters, Helen Louise, Ruth, Florence and Ethel Marie, moved to Portland, January 15, 1915, after purchasing the Economy Hardware Store, located at 118 West Walnut Street. They resided at 703 West Race Street. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schumaker were born in Clark County, Illinois near Marshall. A son, Anton died in 1900. Mr. Schumaker died in 1929, his wife in 1940.

Helen Louise married Harry Eglan, a Greene Township farmer, in 1917. Their son, is Richard Lee Eglan, Penn Township farmer. Richard married Phyliss Ann DeBatty. Their five children are: Mrs. James Coffield (Marcia Kay), Mrs. William Garton (Kathy Ann), Jerry Lee, Ricky Dean, and Michelle Lynn. Kathy Ann lives in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, the others in Jay County. A granddaughter, Stacy Marie Robinette, lives in Ft. Wayne.

Ruth taught in the old Judge Haynes Elementary School until her marriage to Paul B. Shimp in 1923. She retired from the Ft. Wayne Community Schools in 1963. An infant son died in 1935. After her husband's death in 1979, she returned to Portland in 1980 to live at 1003 West Race Street.

Florence S. married James J. Baldwin of Urbana, Ohio in 1925. James was associated with Hardy Chevrolet Sales Corp., for 39 years. Florence was with Hawkins Mortgage Company, Elberson Automotive Supply and Holthouse Furniture for many years. They reside at 148 North Charles Street, Portland.

Ethel Marie married Peter Anthony Thenis in Muncie, Indiana. Two sons are deceased. Her husband died in November 1965. She lives at 1321 West Washington Street, Muncie, Indiana. She is now retired from the Collegienne Shops in Muncie, where she worked for 25 years. *Submitted by Ruth Shimp.*

O. H. (Doc) Schwanderman

Editors note: We have presented this material exactly as received in an effort not to change any meaning or thoughts.

Herman Schwanderman (1870-1939) Ludlow, Ill., married Rutha Mary Dodson (1870-1959) Wayne Co., Kentucky. Children: Geo. Leopold, James Clarence, Oliver Herman, Elza Ray, Leland Glenon. Dodson History: There are several genealogy books on this family. The best is Rev. Thompson P. Egge (1907) Dodson genealogy 1600-1907. It is wrote that they helped build Jamestown, Virginia, as around 1900 there is also listed post office of 15 towns named after Dodson. There is also an account a Dodson built first auto, in a newspaper in California, as this family went west and south in several states. There are monuments standing for some, as one sank his ship in the mouth of an eastern river, then got off of his ship and helped whip the British on sea and land.

Now as the other forefathers of my mother, Simpson, Tuttle, Bates, Sherrells. All of these lines were in the Revolutionary War. Simpsons and Sherrells, North Carolina, fought at Stone Mountain, Brother against brother, father against son. One Simpson rode his horse to death, trying to get to his brother to kill him, after war, father made them to make peace. They left North Carolina in wagon train north. My line stopped in Wayne County, Ky., his brother came on to Indiana (Howard Co.) was first school teacher there. The Harriet E. (Simpson) Arnow, she has written several books, one the Dollmaker, making a movie of it. This Simpson line goes back to three kings of England, Henry III, King John, Edward I. All of this can be found in several books I have on family history, also microfilms of N.C. on Sherrells and Simpsons. I have followed family history for years.

O.H. Schwanderman is well-known in Jay County, Indiana, a protector of rights, not only for myself, but others. And I look to the future and see our freedom going down the drain. People can't or won't plan for themselves, so in comes the planners to do our work. I have just built a building to be used as a museum on this farm, as I heard our building in Portland, Ind. will be sold. I have written several articles in past 30 years, all coming true of today. I will never forget that I was born just a "country" boy and what your ancester was, makes very little to your way of life, as we all live in a different period of living. And people will go on living in the future, but how I can't say, they plan for the year 2000, can't even figure out how to live for a week ahead. It's a good thing we only live once in the world and no return, a good thing God fixed it that way. My ancesters came to America and helped to build USA for us. Lets write out book for the future and let later children read of our works, building a world for them, but never set down the way of life, by having their rights taken away from them, by us of todays planning. Let them never have to look down a gun barrel. I am glad I lived in this period and only regret, I couldn't have done more to preserve more of our freedoms. *Submitted by O.H. "Doc" Schwanderman.*

O.H. (Doc) Schwanderman

Schwartz

Millard J. Schwartz was born Apr. 4, 1921, north of Berne, Ind. in Adams County, son of Jacob and Lena (Habegger) Schwartz. He attended grade school in a one-room school in Monroe Twp; then attended high school in Monroe, Indiana. He was the youngest in a family of seven children and lived and worked onthe family farm for his parents until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in Oct. 1942. He was a member of the 94th Infantry Division which took their basic training in Camp Phillips, Kansas and Camp McCain, Miss., then spent 20 months in the battles in Europe. His tour of duty lasted through Jan. 1946 at which time he received his discharge at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

In 1943 I married Betty Flesher who was born in Jackson Twp., Portland, May 31, 1922, daughter of Clynas and Edith (Frank) Flesher. She had a brother Robert and a sister Virginia. She attended grade and high school at Union and Polingtown schools. She was a cheerleader and since the school was small, learned to be a good loser in basketball games. She then attended International Business College, later working at Air Service Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio and. at W. Frank and Sons Greenhouse at Portland.

In Jan. 1946 we moved into an Apt. at 228 E. High, Portland. Ind. This house was later torn down and became the Lutheran Church Parking lot. Feb. 1, 1946 Millard started working at the Jay Co. Rural Electric Membership Corp., Portland, and has completed 36 years of service there.

Betty started working in the office of Portland Forge in 1965 and is still employed there.

In May 1948 we bought a 40 acre farm northeast of Portland on S. Road 22 which is now Co. Rd. 70 (known as the Weisel place) where we still live. In 1963 we tore the old house down and while living in a trailer (house) built our new home.

We raise some steers and sheep.

In Dec. 16, 1946 our oldest son James Edward was born. He attended Garfield and Judge Haynes schools and graduated from high school in 1964. In 1968 he received his bachelors degree from Purdue, and went on to Northwestern Univ. where he received his M.B.A. in 1970 after which he took a job with Continental Bank, Chicago. Jim is now working at Hanover Leasing Co. in Itasca, Ill. He married Jane Jehle of Alton, Ill. on June 12, 1971. They have Mathew James, born Dec. 26, 1975 and Emily Jane, born Aug. 18, 1977. Jane graduated from St. Marys College at South Bend, Ind.

Our younger son, William J., was born May 1, 1948. He attended West Ward Jr. High and Portland High School graduating in 1966, going on to complete his four years at Purdue University in 1970. He completed his masters degree in business adm. from IU at Bloomington. He worked for

Northern Trust Bank of Chicago and is now employed at Ralston Purina in St. Louis, Mo.

He married Linda Thieme on May 5, 1973 who was raised East of Bluffton, Indiana.

On July 23, 1978 Andrew Jacob was born and on Apr. 6, 1981 Benjamin Edward was born.

Our family attended and were members of the Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, three miles north of Portland, until the church closed and merged with Asbury Methodist, Portland, where we are now attending and we both sing in the choir. *Submitted by Millard Schwartz.*

The Sell Family

"This Endenture Witnesseth, that James and Minnie Griffis of Randolph County, in the State of Indiana, Convey and Warrent to George W. Sell of Randolph County in Indiana for the sum of sixty-four hundred dollars the following real estate in Jay County, one hundred sixty acres of land, more or less." Signed and sealed June 1882. (This land was located near Camden, Jay County, which is now Pennville.)

Thus started the Sell connection in Jay County. George W. Sell was married to Loretta Handshey. They had three daughters and one son. Theodore, Jennie, Minnie and Mattie were raised on this farm in Jay County.

Theodore married Mary E. Smith in 1902. Mary's parents were Samuel V. and Mary L. (Gillespie) Smith. Theodore and Mary Sell moved to a farm in Randolph County. To this union were born Frances M., James F., and Virginia M. Sell.

Frances graduated from Jackson High School near Union City in 1929 and entered nurses training in Indianapolis. After completing training at Methodist Hospital, she spent one year at Chicago Lying-In Hospital studying gynecology and obstetrics. Returning to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, she worked as a registered private nurse in obstetrics.

In 1940, Frances married John E. Butler of Dunkirk, Indiana, and they lived on Arlington Avenue until his death in 1948. Frances worked as youth and women's secretary for the State Conference of the Congregational-Christian Churches. She was active for several years with camp activities for the conference. She then accepted a position with Stewart Brothers Furniture of Dunkirk, where she worked for 21 years.

In 1960, Frances married Edgar I. Rearick of Delaware County. Edgar attended Ball State Teachers College and was employed at Warner Gear for 40 years. He has two sons, Rolland E. of New Madison, Ohio and Lloyd L. of Warsaw, Indiana.

Since their retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Rearick have enjoyed the activities of the Plymouth Church of Dunkirk; they have enjoyed traveling, raising roses, and raising enough garden produce to share with their community.

James, son of Theodore and Mary Sell, was born in 1911. He went to work for General Motors the last year he was in high school and continued working until his retirement, first at Frigidaire and then at Chevrolet in Muncie. His first wife was Garnet Washler; they had three children: George W., Sybil and Claire. Garnet died in 1949. James married Wilma Stoner of Randolph County. They have no children.

George W. married Kay Merrick. They have three children: Stephanie, Susan and Sarah. Sybil married Ronald Holloway, son of Oron and Helen Holloway of Dunkirk. They have two children, Mitchell and Beverly. Sybil, graduated from the school of nursing, Ball State University, and is a registered nurse at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie. Clair married Robert Myers. They had two children, Dawn and Robin.

Virginia, daughter of Theodore and Mary, graduated from Saratoga High School, City Hospital in Indianapolis, and Indiana University. As a registered nurse, she served in the Pacific Theater of Operations in World War II. After the war, and four years of service, she served as a director of rehabilitation in veterans' hospitals in Fort Wayne; Butler, Pennsylvania; Chilocothe, Ohio, and Battlecreek, Michigan. Now retired, she enjoys life at Snow Lake near Fremont, Indiana.

Albert Francis (Bert) Shauver Family

Albert Francis (Bert) Shauver, son of William and Anna (Bibler) Shauver, was born September 8, 1889. He worked at Bimels in Portland, Indiana; the tile factory at Lehigh, Iowa, janitor at Roetheles Lumber Yard in Fort Wayne and at The Jay Garment Co. at Portland, and a farmer around Portland, Indiana. He passed away May 28, 1974. Bert spent most of his life around Portland.

On February 19, 1914 he married Vida Leona (Pratt) Shauver, daughter of Andrew Alphonso and Elnora Elizabeth (Davis) Pratt. On November 17, 1920 Vida passed away. They had four daughters: Florence Gay, Hallie Elizabeth, Doris Jayne and Barbara Leona. Hallie Elizabeth has passed away. Doris Jayne married Leslie Vernie Ludy. They have two daughters, Sheryl Jeanne and Marcia Karen Ludy. Sheryl Jeanne married Daniel Adrian Brunner and Marcia Karen married Douglas James Stitzel. They have two children, Kelly Marie and Matthew Douglas. Barbara Leona married Keith Rees. They have two children, Carolyn Ann and Mark Warren Rees. Carolyn Ann married Harold Schuhmacher. They have three children, Steven, Brian and Patricia, all at home. Mark has passed away.

James Luther Shauver Family

James Luther Shauver was born on April 13, 1888 to William and Anna Elizabeth Bibler Shauver. He spent his entire life in Jay County. He worked at Bimels, Franks Greenhouse and farmed until he retired. On December 18, 1909 he was married to Dortha Bailey, who passed away April 16, 1925. James L. Shauver passed away April 23, 1979.

To this union was born Lucile, Lois, Martha, James and Anna. Lucile married Thurman LaFollette and had four children: Barbara Jean, Frances June, Roy Lee and Betty Joan. Barbara Jean and Frances June are deceased. Roy Lee married Harriette Baumer and has four children: Sharon, Dan, Chuck and Karen. Betty Joan married Jack McClure and has four children: Barbara, David, Steven and Timothy.

Lois and Martha died when very young.

James married Georganna Williams, now deceased, then married Gladys Kuhn and has two children, Sandra Kay and Donald Max and three step-children, Terry, Ronald and Deborah. Sandra married Bill Humbles and has two children, John and James. Donald Max married Anita Lehman. Terry Kuhn married Vickie McDonel and has two children, Jennifer and Nikki. Ronald Kuhn and Deborah Kuhn are not married.

Anna married John Arthur Hogg and had four children: Richard Allen, Jane Ann, Michael Dean and Beth Elaine. Richard Allen married Marilyn Myers and has two children, Diane Rene and Randall DeWayne. Richard was killed in an auto accident November 25, 1967. Jane Ann married David Pfeifer and has two children, Melissa Lynn and Kristan Lea. Michael Dean is not married. Beth Elaine married Terry Joe Richards and has one child, Erin Marie.

Noah Clarence Shauver Family

Noah Clarence Shauver was born February 13, 1895 in Jay County. He was the son of William and Anna Elizabeth (Bibler) Shauver. He worked at the stirup factory at Fort Recovery, Ohio for two years and farmed in the Noble Township area until he retired in 1971.

He was married to Lydia Elnora Hartzell on December 16, 1916. To this union was born one daughter, Irene, and one son, Earl. Lydia Elnora died April 7, 1965.

Irene married James Wiley who was an independent driller for 37 years on oil, gas, and water wells and also a farmer. They have three children, Larry, Nancy, and Robert. Larry served in the Vietnam War in the Navy on the U.S.S. Newport News. After his return home he continued in the drilling operation as "Wiley Well Drilling" in Union City, Indiana. He married Carolyn Baldwin and they have two daughters, Lisa and Diane. Nancy married James W. Koon and he is a city policeman in Lafayette, Indiana. They have one daughter, Melanie. Robert graduated from General Motors Institute with a bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is now with Wiley Well Drilling heading the pump and softener department. Robert married Margaret Grissom. They have two daughters, Nora and Kate.

Earl resides in Noble Township and is engaged in farming.

William Shauver Family

In the year 1865, John and Sarah (Kurtz) Shauver gave birth to William Shauver. There were six more children born later. William grew to manhood and on July 1, 1886 he was married to Anna Elizabeth Bibler. He was a farmer.

To this union were born: Sadie Catherine, James Luther, Albert Francis (Bert), Mary Ethel, Ada Caroline, Walter Elmer, Noah Clarence, Samuel Glenn, Charles Sylvester.

Sadie Catherine married Addison Trueblood and settled in Lehigh, Iowa. James Luther married Dortha Bailey and settled in Jay County. Albert (Bert) Francis married Vida Pratt and settled in Jay County. Ada Caroline married Orville Teeters and settled in Jay County then later in Sturgis, Michigan. Noah Clarence married Lydia Elnora Hartzell and settled in Jay County. Samuel Glenn married Margaret Alice Metzger and settled in Jay County than later in Sturgis, Michigan. Mary Ethel, Walter Elmer and Charles Sylvester died in infancy.

There are many decendants of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

John F. Sherman

John F. Sherman was born January 17, 1915. He was married on October 27, 1934 to Dorothy I. Scholer, born September 2, 1915. Their honeymoon was a trip in a model "A" to the Worlds Fair at Chicago, Illinois which was called a "Century of Progress." Then they traveled on to western Illinois to visit Dorothy's maternal grandfather, Howard Thurman. Since gasoline was only 10¢ per gallon, tax included, they extended their travel to crossing the Mississippi River at Burlington, Iowa. Eight days and one thousand miles later they arrived home with 43¢ left out of $20.00 they had started out with. They came back to the home farm where John was born and raised and they have never moved.

They were attending and were married in the Pleasant Hill Evangelical Church, three and one-half miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 90. They took an active part in teaching and other church work. All four of their children joined this church before leaving home. When this church closed its doors in 1975, John and Dorothy joined the West Walnut Church of Christ. Their grade school education was received in the Noble Township one-room schools that dotted the country side approximately every two miles. John attended the Metzner and Mt. Zion schools, one year at Portland Junior High, while Dorothy attended West Bellefountain School. Both were graduated from Portland High School.

Farm life was geared to a lot of chores with livestock, poultry, and farming done with horses and mules. Electricity did not come until the R.E.M.C. was organized and Shermans did not acquire electricity until December of 1939. John spent time helping to get consent of right of way for the power lines to be installed from neighbors, and later wired the buildings on home farm as well as wiring buildings for several other neighborhood farms.

John and Dorothy are the parents of four children, the first born was Janice Elaine on July 30, 1936. This was also the year that they purchased their first tractor. Rosalind Kay was born on December 15, 1937, Florence Elizabeth "Beth" was born December 16, 1939, and John Judson, born April 3, 1944. All four children attended the Noble Township Consolidated School, graduating from there and from Portland High School. Janice received a degree in x-ray technology from John Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, Md. Rosalind graduated with R.N. degree from Ball Memorial Hospital. Beth was graduated from Ball State University with degree in home economics, later received her M.A. degree. John J. graduated from Indiana University with degree in journalism, later receiving his M.A. degree. Janice was married to Gordon Crates of Peru, Ind. and they had two daughters, Jennifer and Allison. She later married Richard Ross, and they now live in Lafayette, Ind., and she is an x-ray tech at the Home Hospital. Rosalind married Lowell Hendricks of Franklin, Ind. and they had four children: Pamela, Bradley, Cari and Douglas. Bradley lost his life in a car accident in October 1980. She later married Grant McGuire and she is presently an R.N. in St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind. Beth married David Marsh of Portland, Ind. and they have three children: Kim, Stephanie and Michael. She is an instructor in home economics in Tipton High School. John J. married Lois McGowan of Memphis, Tenn., and they have two children, Chizoma, born in Zair, Africa where they were stationed in Embassy work and

David was adopted after they returned to Washington, D.C. John is a high school English instructor in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is a free lance poet and writer, having published his second book of poems and has a weekly column in the Santa Fe, N.M. paper.

While all children were at home they traveled in many states, going west and north in 1951 and in 1953 traveled north, east and south. To date John and Dorothy have visited 40 of the 48 states in the continental U.S. Also three Canadian Provinces, five African states, Switzerland and Holland in Europe. It was in Switzerland where Dorothy's grandparents and great grandparents lived before coming to U.S.A. in 1855 and 1867, settling in Madison Twp. in Jay County. In Switzerland hand work was being mechanized and there was mass exodus of citizens to U.S.A. The home farm was visited by Shermans at Zunzgen, also the church where grandparents Heinrich and Anna (Wuthrich) Scholer were married in 1867 in Tenniken, a village close to the home farm. This church was built in the thirteenth century and is still being used. Very modern in all aspects and still attended by distant relatives of the Scholer family. It was in Zunzgen they visited with distant cousins through an interpreter.

Heinrich and Anna Scholer had 13 children and John Scholer, Dorothy's father, the fourth child was born in 1873. He worked as a young man in carpentry and traveled west helping build barns, etc. It was while working near Galesburg, Illinois that he met Mary Etta Thurman, and they were married December 26, 1900. They returned to Indiana and lived in Penn Twp. for about three years and purchased a farm in Noble Twp. where they lived their entire lifetime. They were the parents of eight children, Dorothy being the seventh. John's ancestory dated back to 1433, village of Diss in County of Norfolk, England. In 1839 the great grandfather Lorenzo Sherman moved with his parents, Shubael and Phebe from Vermont to Licking County, Ohio. At the close of the Civil War Lorenzo and Polly moved to Jay County with their nine children. John's grandfather was the oldest child. (A Civil War Veteran.) He married Margaret Spade and they had nine children with Austin J. being the oldest, born in 1868. He married Minnie A. Sheward, born in 1874 and John is the youngest of three children. John was associated as an accountant with the Haynes Milling Co., 1949-1959, Gulf Oil Distributor, 1959-1964. In 1964 John and Dorothy purchased a store on West Main and moved to 201 N. Meridian where they operated this business, selling out in 1971. John then worked with the Farm Bureau Co-op Construction crew, then as employee of the engineering dept. of State of Indiana. In 1973 he joined Steed's Business and Tax Service until 1979 when he moved to office of the County Assessor as deputy, being presently employed there. Dorothy worked as clerk at Murphy's, Portland Office Supply and as secretary to Co. School Superintendent Beunice Koch, and has been Deputy Clerk in the office of the Jay County Clerk for ten years. At the present John and Dorothy have two great-grandchildren, Megan Kay and Zachary Warren Lindley.

Sheffer

Henry Washington Sheffer was born April 6, 1875, in Mercer County, Ohio, about one mile from the Indiana State Line. He and his five sisters were born on a farm near Bethel Church to Andrew and Sophia (Mitchell) Sheffer. Henry's father died when Henry was fourteen, and his mother died when he was nineteen. He then lived with a sister, Mrs. Elmer (Elizabeth) Stoner, in Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana, about one and a half miles west of the state line and about three miles south of his birthplace.

When Henry was twenty-three, he married Elnora Etta Burr, Mar. 6, 1898 who was twenty-one. Born March 19, 1877, Etta was the youngest daughter of Adam and Sarah Ellen (Moore) Burr. Henry and Etta settled on a farm near Salem, Indiana. Later they bought the Sam Money farm in Section 22 in Madison Township, Jay County. The house was a log cabin with two large rooms. Built later was a three-room upstairs section, a living room, a kitchen and dining room, and a large screened-in back porch. This farm was 80 acres, but Henry enlarged the farm by buying the 40 acres east of the homestead and then the Jacob McLaughlin farm of 80 acres west of the homestead. The original 80 acres has a gas well that provided fuel to heat the eight-room house and to cook with.

Henry hauled logs in winter, gravel in summer, besides farming. He owned the first tractor in the neighborhood, and for years then threshed grain for his neighbors.

Etta had a large garden which provided food for the family. She also raised chickens, ducks and geese, and milked several cows. She did her own sewing to help with the family income. Relatives often came to enjoy Etta's cooking and hospitality.

In the spring Henry tapped a lot of maple trees and boiled the sugar water with a gas furnace. That delicious maple syrup! Etta was known for her apple butter. She made gallon upon gallon of apple butter in a large copper kettle during the fall of the year. Of course the apples were from their own orchard. The family butchered eight to ten hogs in the winter to help with the food supply.

To the couple were born eight children, three daughters and five sons. All were born in Jay County. S. Adah was born January 29, 1899; C. Grace was born June 3, 1901; Arlie B. was born June 17, 1903; Paul R. was born March 14, 1907; F. Franklin was born January 28, 1910; Ernest H. was born August 22, 1911; Harold E. was born April 23, 1916; Henrietta was born October 6, 1917.

The family attended the Liberty Hall Church, which had services in a school house about two miles east of the family farm. The Sheffers were converted by the Rev. True Haddock. Later they attended the Salamonia Methodist Church.

The first three children did not attend high school, but the others attended Madison Township High School.

Adah married Wilbert Kochersperger April 10, 1920. She worked in Dayton, Ohio, during World War I making shells. She and Wilbert lived on a farm near Greenville, Ohio. In later years while he worked in a factory, she farmed their 40 acres. They raised tobacco, which had to be stripped in the spring. She also raised chickens, ducks and geese, milked cows, and worked a large garden. They had four children and attended the St. Johns Lutheran Church. Adah died of leukemia May 23, 1965.

Henry Washington and Elnora Etta Burr Sheffer Family

Grace married Harold Smith April 7, 1922. She had helped her father a lot in the fields, so she helped her husband farm by driving the tractor. Harold made his first tractor from an old car and called it his "Whoopee". He later had a Farmall. Grace and Harold milked several cows, raised chickens, ducks and geese. The feathers were plucked from the ducks and geese to make feather pillows. Grace also sold the feathers. The Smiths had three daughters, and Grace stayed busy for many years babysitting for her 13 grandchildren. Grace was always active in Asbury United Methodist Church functions; she was president of the Women's Society of the Methodist Church and was president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She has sung in the church choir for 33 years so far and also sings with the Jay County Choral Group. She also belongs to the Portland Garden Club. Grace worked at the local Weilers Store for several years, too.

Arlie B. married Zelpha Greaf November 6, 1924. They lived on a farm north of Salamonia, Indiana. He farmed and raised Berkshire hogs for years, then later worked as a carpenter. Arlie belonged to the American Berkshire Association and served that group as secretary, treasurer and judge. He also judged at the state 4-H competition. Arlie and Zelpha had three daughters and one son. The family attended the Christian Church at Salamonia. Arlie died May 10, 1981.

Paul R. married Mabel Kunkle June 5, 1926. They had a son and a daughter. They farmed for a number of years, then Paul worked at the local Sheller plant. Paul never got farming out of his blood, for he roto-tilled gardens and flower beds in the evenings and Saturdays for his friends and neighbors. He also raised bantam chicks for several years; at one time he had 35 different varieties, which he showed at various bantam shows. The family attends Zion Lutheran Church, Portland.

F. Franklin married Louise McClure June 4, 1939. In Frank's early years he worked on pipe lines, then he attended barber school in Indianapolis. For years he barbered in Ansonia, Ohio, then at the Broadway Barber Shoppe in Greenville, Ohio. He still barbers one day a week, although he and Louise run the St. Clair Home for 38 elderly women on East Third Street, Greenville. Frank served his country during World War II before being discharged because of ill health. He received his military training at Camp Barkley, Texas, from April to December 1944. In his middle years Frank raised irises and experimented with hybrid varieties. He has sung with barber shop quartets for many years, especially with the Four Seasons Harmony of Union City, Indiana. He has belonged to the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America for seven or eight years now. Frank and Louise have one son and three daughters and attend the Christian Church in Ansonia.

Ernest H. farmed and then worked at Delco Remy in Anderson, Indiana, until he was drafted into the 38th Infantry Army Reserves. He served in the reserves from April to November 1941, then was recalled to active duty in June 1942. He trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and in Hawaii. He left January 1, 1943, for southwest Pacific with the 152nd Anti-tank Co. He saw a lot of action until he was discharged November 6, 1945. He had had malaria. He was on the William S. Ladd on the way to the Phillipines when the ship was bombed and sunk. He passed away March 26, 1946.

Harold E. contracted measles early in 1917, had a high fever, and died March 14, 1917, only ten months and twenty-one days old. The weather was very bad that day; a freezing rain broke all the telephone lines down, and a horse had to be ridden to Salamonia to report the death. "Little Everett" was a sweet and loving little baby and was dearly loved by his grandmother Burr.

Henrietta, who was named after her father and mother (Henry and Etta), worked at the Jay Garment factory for two years after being graduated from high school. She married Clyde Stoner May 29, 1937, and they lived at Salamonia for a while until moving to Chesterfield, Indiana. Henrietta worked at a variety of jobs while Clyde worked at Delco Remy. They were active members of the Chesterfield Christian Church. They had two daughters. Widowed, Henrietta is now married to Herschell Drake. They live on a farm near Anderson and are very active in the Grace Baptist Church at Anderson.

Longevity runs in female side of the family. Grandmother Burr lived to be eighty-five. Etta Sheffer lived to be eighty-four. Etta's second daughter, Grace Smith, is eighty. Her three daughters honored her eightieth birthday on the Sunday before her birthday, June 3, 1981. Twenty-three of her family attended church with her, then they went to her daughter Luetta Bowen's home west of Portland for dinner. Grace's brothers and sisters and in-laws came for an afternoon reception. Her family presented her with a money tree bearing eighty one-dollar bills. She received eighty-six cards from relatives and friends for her birthday. *Submitted by Grace Smith.*

Albert V. Sheffer

Albert Valandingham Sheffer, born 10-2-1863, died 1-13-1918, married Hattie V. Freemyer, born 1-1-1869, died 9-12-1942 on September 27, 1885.

Albert was a son of Andrew and Frances (Brannon) Sheffer. Andrew's parents were Ira Sheffer (usually spelled Shafer during his lifetime) and Hannah Jane (Smiley) Sheffer. Ira's parents were Michael Sheffer and his second wife, Catherine (Hudlow) Sheffer. It is believed that the parents of Michael were Daniel and Ann (Hudlow) Sheffer. Daniel Sheffer's parents were Jacob and Otillo (second wife) Shaver (translated to Shafer). Jacob was born in Germany in 1728 and died in Shenandoah County, Virginia on May 9, 1815 and is believed to be buried beside Solomon's Lutheran Church, near Forestville, Virginia, or in a cemetery at Pine Church, located west of Mt. Jackson, Virginia on Route 614. Forestville and Mt. Jackson are in the same area. Otillo Sheffer was born in Europe in 1744.

A history of Hattie V. Freemyer Sheffer's parents Joseph L. and Mary Elder Freemyer along with a family picture can be found elsewhere in this book.

To the union of Albert V. and Hattie V. Freemyer Sheffer were born six children: Homer I.; E. Elwood; Ethel Marie; Edith Zeota; Ervin and Wilbur W.

Homer I. Sheffer (born 9-27-1887, died 12-10-1954) married Rita D. Nelson (born 12-22-1889) on August 29, 1908 and they have children: V. Pauline Sheffer Houser, born 7-10-1910; Lawrence E. "Bill" Sheffer, born 3-16-1912; B. Ursel Sheffer Stroble, born 2-8-1915; F. Allen Sheffer, born 9-1-1919; Anita L. Sheffer Springer, born 5-31-1924 and Ivan Z. Sheffer, born 3-14-1926.

E. Elwood Sheffer (born 6-11-1890, died February 1966) married Myrtle N. Miller (born 12-25-1890, died 7-3-1980) on January 1, 1910 and their children are: Margaret (died at birth); Damon "D.T." Sheffer; Erma Sheffer McKean; Jesse V. Sheffer; Madonna (died in infancy); Elwood, Jr. Sheffer; and James Sheffer (died at the age of six).

Ethel Marie Sheffer (born April 3, 1898, died February 1967) married Otis Norris and they had one son, LeRoy. She later married Charles Flickinger.

Edith Zeota Sheffer first married Dale McClintock and then Howard Somes. she was born August 29, 1901 and died in January 1971. She had no children.

Ervin Sheffer (born 7-4-1903) married Faye Cole and they had a son and daughter, Jack L. Sheffer and Betty Sheffer Markley. Following the death of Faye Cole Sheffer he married Selma Barnett.

Wilbur W. Sheffer (born 5-18-1907) married Dorothy Bryan and had two daughters, Joan and Jean. He later married Mary Jones.

Mr. and Mr. Albert V. Sheffer engaged in farming in Indiana and also farmed and operated a gravel pit in Ohio in Recovery Township, Mercer County.

They are buried along the east driveway of Springhill Cemetery, west of Fort Recovery, Ohio. *Submitted by Pauline Houser.*

Casper Shimp Family

Schimpff, Schimpf, Schimp, Shimp

Casper Shmip was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Johann Jacob Schimpf, who arrived in America in 1754 from the Palatinate of Europe. Casper became a lieutenant in the Third Battalion, Company Eight of the Lancaster Co. Militia under Captain George Feather from 1778-1796. Casper married Elizabeth Geiger and they were the parents of six children. One son, William Shimp married Mary and they had seven children. Their one son Jesse B., born January 30, 1832, in Fairfield County married Emily Heistand, daughter of Rev. Michael Heistand of the Lutheran church. To this union were born ten children. They were: Laura, George, Charley, Thomas, Valentine, Alonzo, Clara, Belle, Margaret, and Grace. The mother, Emily, was born April 13, 1841 and died February 23, 1910. The father Jesse Shimp died October 15, 1918, at the age of eighty-five.

Laura Shimp, born 1861, died December 1955. She was married to Benjamin Kimble in 1879. There were three children. They were Margaret (Maggie), wife of Harley Brumm. They had one son, Luther, born in 1907. Margaret was born in 1880 and died April 1972; Rozilla, born 1882 and died 1941 was married to Samuel E. Frazee. They were parents of three children. They were Laurabelle, born 1903; Cleo (Frazee) Subler, born 1906, and Ruth (Frazee) Rabe, born 1908.

George B. Shimp, born 1863 in Noble Twp., was married to Lida Burk in 1880. They had three sons: Sumner, born 1895; Earl, born 1897; and Lowell, born 1903. Sumner married Irene Shirley in Terre Haute, Indiana. They had one daughter, Dorothy Jane, born 1946. She married Arthur Frisk and they had four children. They were Gregory, Gary, Deborah and Robert Randall. Earl Shimp was married to Phoebe Hall in 1933. This couple had two sons, Alan and George. They lived in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Phoebe died in 1970 and Earl in 1973.

Charley Shimp was married to Jennie Holt in 1868. They had four children: Byron, Opal, Virgie and Winifred.

Thomas Wallace Shimp, born 1867 in Bearcreek Twp. of Indiana, died 1940. He married Ella Elizabeth Sheward (1871-1956), daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Clear) Sheward. They had three children: Paul, Eva and Helen. Paul, born 1894, married Ruth Shoemaker and lived in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Their infant son died in 1935. Eva, born 1896 and died 1925, married Ralph Swezey. Their infant son died in 1925. Helen, born in 1905, married Wilbur A. Stevenson in 1937. Wilbur died November 1974. Wilbur was the son of Arthur and Lula Stevenson.

Valentine Shimp, born in 1869 and died in 1944, married Mary Dilbone and they had two children. They were Mary and Valentine. Valentine married Bertha ________ and they were parents of two children.

Alonzo Shimp, born 1871, was married to Elizabeth Beagle. They had seven children: Edith, Luther, Jesse, Harold, Mae, Ralph and Roy of Findlay, Ohio.

Clara Shimp, born 1873, was married to John Flauding, born in 1876 and they had one son, Wendell Flauding of Portland, Indiana.

Belle Shimp, born 1875 and died 1972, married Levi Gilpin and they had one daughter, Dorothy in 1903 who married Karl Levy and lived in Hemet, California. They were parents of two children, Kate and Peter of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Marguerite Shimp, born 1879, was married to Bert Bone.

Grace Shimp, born 1885, was married to T.W. McCartney of Michigan. *Submitted by Ruth Rabe.*

T. W. Shimp

Thomas Wallace Shimp was born Jan. 12, 1867, in Bearcreek Twp., Jay Co., son of Jesse and Emily Heistand Shimp. He was educated at Lebanon, Ohio College and became a teacher at Salamonia, Sciotiville, and Fort Recovery, Ohio.

On Dec. 26, 1893 he married Ella Elizabeth Sheward, born Oct. 14, 1871, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Clear) Sheward. A son, Paul Brooks Shimp was born Nov. 22, 1894, and a daughter, Eva Ione Shimp was born August 26, 1896.

Thomas W. Shimp and Ella E. Sheward, wedding 1893

The family moved to Upper Sanduskey, Ohio, and then to Delphos, Ohio, where he was superintendent of schools. Here another daughter, Helen Beatrice Shimp was born Sept. 10, 1905.

In 1910 the family moved to Portland to reside at 522 West Race Street. He had retired from teaching and became President of Jay County Savings and Trust Co. Later he was a representative for the Peoples' Life Insurance Co. He died March 6, 1940, and Mrs. Shimp died Dec. 6, 1956.

Paul Brooks Shimp served with the 5th Engineers in World War I on the Mexican Border and in France. He married Ruth Schumaker on June 21, 1923. They made their home in Fort Wayne where he was associated with the Indiana Loan Co. until his retirement in 1954. A son died in infancy. Ruth resumed teaching and retired from the Fort Wayne Community Schools in 1963. Paul died Nov. 13, 1979 and Ruth returned to Portland in 1980 to reside at 1003 West Race Street.

Eva Ione Shimp studied music at Oberlin College and the University of Michigan. She taught music in the Portland Public Schools. She married Ralph Todd Swezey, June 7, 1922, and went to live in Ann Arbor, Michigan. There a son was born Nov. 11, 1925. Both mother and son died shortly after, victims of the flu epidemic.

Helen attended the University of Michigan and graduated from Indiana University. She taught English in the Portland High School. She married Wilbur Allen Stevenson, June 2, 1937. Wilbur served as assistant chaplin in World War II, stationed in Africa. After the War he was associated with Sheller-Globe Co. as purchasing agent. Wilbur died Nov. 19, 1974. Helen lives in the old family home on West Race St.

The family were active in the First Presbyterian Church and in all social, political, and community affairs. *Submitted by Helen Stevenson.*

Shively

I always wondered why my Grandfather David Shively moved from Mercer County, Ohio to Jay County. At the time I was growing up, I didn't think he had any close relatives here when he came; but since tracing my ancestors I've found the reason and that he probably still had several. David was born in 1867 in Mercer County, the son of Harvey and Sarah Jane (Lacy) Shively. Although never living in Jay County herself, Sarah had several relatives here too—Lacys, Bones, Bailey families. That's one reason. In 1888 David married Ida Belle Burris, born 1870, raised near Ft. Recovery, the daughter of Martin and Hannah Woods Burris. Her Grandfather Martin Burris, Sr. had married 2nd Francina Denney, born 1809 Gallia Co., Ohio, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Hill Denny (both of who spent their later years in Mercer and Jay counties).

I'm stuck at present at Martin Sr. who came to Mercer County before 1840 and lived the remainder of his life near Ft. Recovery or near Salamonia. But thanks to Guy C. Denney, late of Indianapolis and to Sylvester Denny of Greensboro, N.C. I've been able to connect the Denney's back to the immigrant Denny and have found their allied families in Jay County to be Moneys, Stones, Cummins, Warnocks to name just a few.

My father, Harley E. Shively, was out of school when his family came to Bearcreek Twp. He married in 1920 Minnie F. Myers, daughter of E.N. and LuElla Sanders Myers. They are both buried in Gravel Hill Cemetery. Dad worked a few years in a paper mill in Kalamazoo, Michigan, but in 1924 we moved back to Jay County. One of the farms we lived on was Pete Boneysauces (Bonifas) west of Bryant. Later we moved on the county line road east of Bryant where I started at Rogers School to Berniece Macy; Morris Hoehammer was another of my teachers there. Then my folks moved to Adams County and I graduated from Geneva High School. After a business course and office work in Geneva and Decatur, I married and moved to Mercer County, Ohio. When my family was grown and on their own, I became interested in genealogy and worked full-time helping to compile Mercer County's new History book, and I now spend almost full-time helping people with their genealogical problems. *Submitted by Florence Shively Gause.*

Donavon Wayne Shoemaker

Donavon Wayne Shoemaker was born February 17, 1947, in Bearcreek Township, Jay County, to H. Vaughn and Thelora M. Shoemaker. He attended the Bryant School. Following graduation from the high school in 1965, Donavon attended Marion College, Marion, Indiana, were he majored in religion and minored in psychology, graduating with honors in 1969.

While in college he met Viola Mayhle from Bayonne, New Jersey, an elementary education major, who was also attending the college. They were married in Marion, January 25, 1969. During the next three years, Donavon attended Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, while Viola taught public school. Graduating with academic honors in 1972, he accepted the call to pastor the First Wesleyan Church in Jersey City, New Jersey, where he still serves.

Jersey City is in a heavily populated area on the west side of the Hudson River across from New York City. The church is racially mixed. Donavon has been involved in the Jersey City community in various community groups including Parents Council, a member of Operation Push, block associations and presently serves as chairman of the

Donavon, Viola, Stephen, Brian and Michael Shoemaker

Board of Directors of Hudson County Opportunities Industrialization Center, a training organization for unskilled, unemployed persons. Viola serves as an officer in the Public School #38 Parents Council, along with her active church involvement as pre-school director, Christian Youth Crusader Club leader and choir member.

Donavon and Viola are the parents of three sons, namely: Stephen Douglas, born June 5, 1973; Michael Andrew, born January 26, 1973; and Brian David, born September 7, 1978.

The Donavon Shoemaker family reside at 250 Van Nostrand Ave., Jersey City, New Jersey. *Submitted by H. Vaughn Shoemaker.*

John Shoemaker Family
Ruby Nell, Jeanine Patterson (foster daughter), Gena Rebecca, John Calvin II, Lora Rachele and John Calvin.

John Calvin Shoemaker

John Calvin Shoemaker was the eldest son of H. Vaughn and Thelora Maxine (Avey) Shoemaker. He was born at their home in Jackson Township, Jay County, December 21, 1937. Shortly after his birth, his parents moved to a 40 acre farm northeast of Bryant where John spent his boyhood years. He attended the Bryant School where he graduated from high school. Following graduation, he attended the Ft. Wayne Institute of Technology where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

He married Ruby Nell Johnson, the daughter of Cecil Gerald and Edna (Kantner) Johnson of Portland, on August 3, 1957. soon after marriage, pressure was on young men to take military duty for possible military service due to the Korean War. So John joined the National Guard and spent six months in intensified training in military camps.

Returning from camp, he worked for several firms in engineering. Some of these were the Symington Wayne Co., Ft. Wayne, the Young Spring and Wire Co. of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and later at their Bowling Green plant, Ohio, and the Globe, Wayne Division of Dresser Industries, Ft. Wayne.

In 1967, he took up an agency and established an office in Ft. Wayne for the Taylor-Newcomb Company of Indianapolis. He managed this firm as their representative for the sale and distribution of hydraulic industrial fluid power equipment. After seven years with this firm, he established his own business handling similar industrial fluid power equipment plus manufacturing some components for special uses. He moved his office to his farm home near Arcola, west of Ft. Wayne, and incorporated his business under the name of Shoemaker, Ind. His operation includes operating an 85-acre farm as a side line.

Three children were born to John and Ruby, namely: Gena Rebecca, born February 23, 1962; Lora Rachele, born July 30, 1965; and John Calvin II, born March 12, 1970. They all attended the Allen County Schools. Gena graduated from Carroll High School and is presently enrolled in Marion College, Marion, Ind., as a sophomore; Lora is presently a junior in Carroll High School; and John II is in the Arcola Elementary School.

The Westview Missionary Alliance Church on the Illinois Road west of Ft. Wayne is the family's church home.

At the age of eighteen, John and Ruby took a foster daughter into their home by the name of Jeanine Patterson. She is currently studying in Marion College. *Submitted by H. Vaughn Shoemaker.*

Melvin Hugh Shoemaker

Melvin Hugh Shoemaker was born February 11, 1940, the second son of H. Vaughn and Thelora Maxine (Avey) Shoemaker of near Bryant, Indiana, in Bearcreek Township, Jay County.

Melvin attended and graduated from the Bryant School. During high school, he was very active in basketball and other sports.

Following graduation, he attended and graduated from Marion College, Marion, Indiana. It was there that he felt the call to be a minister and began making preparations for that occupation.

While in Marion College, he fell in love with Glenna Joan Cockrell, the daughter of the Rev. Glenn Cockrell and his wife Daisy. Rev. Cockrell was the pastor of the West Eighth Street Wesleyan Church, Marion, Indiana. On December 29, 1961, Melvin and Glenna were married at her father's church on a very frigid evening. To that union, three children were born, namely: David Wesley, July 24, 1964; Diana Marie, October 28, 1968; and Daniel Luther, June 10, 1971.

Melvin Shoemaker Family
David W., Diane M., and David. In back: Glenna and Melvin H.

Following graduation at Marion, Melvin served as pastor of a small church in Ft. Wayne for about two years. In the fall of 1964, he entered Asbury Theology Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, where he graduated with a major in religion and a minor in philosophy. During that period, he spent the summer of 1966 studying in Israel through a University of Wisconsin grant for Hebrew studies.

During the spring term of 1967, he taught at Marion College, filling in for a professor on sabbatical leave. From 1967 through 1970, Melvin became the Senior Pastor of the Hillside Wesleyan Church in Marion. From 1970 through 1973, he served as Senior Pastor of the Houghton College Wesleyan Church, Houghton, New York, From there, he became the Senior Pastor of the Dearborn, Michigan, Free Methodist Church from 1973 through 1979. At present, he is a professor in the Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Bartlesville Wesleyan College, teaching Church History, Biblical Literature, Church Polity and Biblical Exposition. Also, he is the Senior Pastor of the Bartlesville Calvary Wesleyan Church, a young and thriving church near his home now in the planning stages of expanding the church edifice facilities.

Melvin and his family are making plans to move to Madison, New Jersey, in the near future where he has been accepted as a Candidate for the Doctor of Philisophy Degree at Drew University, beginning with the 1982-83 term.

Melvin's wife, Glenna, has served as a public school teacher, helping him out financially and otherwise supporting him in his ministerial occupation. She is an accomplished pianist and organist. Their three children are very active in church and school activities. David is quite gifted in public speaking.

Several honors have come to Melvin during his life. In 1962, he was named in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; in 1972, he was listed in Outstanding Young Men of America; in 1977, he was named in Who's Who in Religion; in 1978, he received further acclaim by being listed in International Who's Who in Community Services; and in 1978-79, he was listed in the Dictionary of International Biography.

Vaughn and
Thelora
Shoemaker

Thelora Maxine (Avey) Shoemaker

Thelora Maxine, the eldest child of Elmer Horace and Edith Pearl (Priest) Avey, was born June 26, 1914, in Jackson Township, Jay County. She attended the Poling School and graduated from the high school.

On June 3, 1936, she married H. Vaughn Shoemaker, originally a native of Adams County, Indiana, but who lived nearby in the edge of Jackson Township at the time. Vaughn was the eldest son of Alva R. and Arlie (Smith) Shoemaker.

Shortly after marriage, Thelora and Vaughn purchased a 40 acre tract of land about one and one-half miles northeast of Bryant in Bearcreek Township, where her husband was engaged in farming and beekeeping. Gradually, a 4½ acre commercial apple orchard was established on the farm and her husband was well-known as an orchardist and apiarist.

Thelora and Vaughn became the parents of three sons and one daughter, all of which attended the Bryant School where they graduated from high school. John Calvin was born December 21, 1937; Melvin Hugh was born February 11, 1940; Carolyn Ruth was born May 24, 1943; and Donavon Wayne was born February 17, 1947.

The family church was the Bryant Wesleyan Church where all were active. Melvin and Donavon both became ministers and Melvin also became a Christian College professor. Both of these boys and Carolyn graduated from Marion College, Marion, Indiana, and Melvin and Donavon also graduated from Asbury Theological Seminarey, Wilmore, Kentucky. John graduated from the Indiana Institute of Technology, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. At present, John operates his own business of representing and distributing components for several hydraulic component firms. He also manufactures hydraulic components for special applications. In addition, he has a side line of farming. Carolyn married Harlow Fletcher and is engaged in teaching school.

As the sons and daughter grew up and began to leave home, Thelora accepted off-farm work where she worked about two years for the Economy Printing Concern and for about 17 years for C.T.S. Corporation, both of which are in Berne, Indiana. She retired in 1979.

At present, Thelora and Vaughn still operate the apple orchard and a very limited quantity of honey bees. The farm is rented out. They both feel it is time to take things a little easier. *Submitted by H. Vaughn Shoemaker.*

David G. Shreeve

David G. Shreeve (born 2-5-1853, died 3-24-1919) was a son of Joseph Shreeve and Emily (Gibbs) Shreeve who settled in Randolph County, indiana and are buried in New Lisbon Cemetery, their deaths having occurred in 1879 and 1898.

David married Mary Ann Freemyer (born 6-23-1854, died 10-24-1934). They were married in 1874 and started their home in a small store building. Mr. Shreeve worked in a grist mill and Mrs. Shreeve clerked in the village store. In 1888 they bought land in Jay County, all wooded, and built a home in 1890. They built a large barn in 1892 and Mr. Shreeve farmed and ''doctored''. He became known as the ''great county horse doctor'' and in 1907 he received a certificate of membership for life in the Indiana Veterinary Protective Association.

David and Mary Ann had 11 children: Amanda Jane (born 9-29-1875); Joseph Arthur (born 5-12-1877); Genettie A. (born 7-22-1879); Senith Emma (born 4-23-1881); Nellie A. (born 10-15-1883); William Andrew, (born 3-8-1886); Cora May (born 7-13-1888); Bertha Hazel (born 7-29-1891); Mary Alice (born 11-28-1893); James Earl (born 3-4-1896, died at 16 months) and Charles Sylvester (born 4-20-1899).

Amanda married Elmer Whipple and had two sons, Walter and Willis.

Joseph married Bell Loy and had two sons, Earl and James.

Genettie married Harvey Wehrly and had seven children: Adah, Odessa, Ruth, Gladys, Juanita, Edith and Floyd.

Emma married John Bibler and they had no children.

Nellie married Jacob Platt and had twelve children: Charles, Ethel, David, Thelma, Ray, Edna, Norma, Martin, Mary Catherine, Virgil, Mabel Jean and June Marie.

William married Ethel Wehrly and had two son, Blaine and Raymond.

Cora married Abe Miller and had seven children: Orville, Ina, Mary, Mabel, Clarence, Margaret and Melvin.

Berthe married R. Ellsworth Brinckerhoof and had four children: Vonia, Calvin, Floyd and Marion.

Mary married Emery Shelley and had a daughter.

Charles married Mabel Schmidt and had six children: David ''Dick''; Everett, Paul, Virgil, Glenn and Mary Ellen.

A history of the parents of Mary Ann (Freemyer) Shreeve (Joseph L. and Mary (Elder) Freemyer) along with a family picture can be found elsewhere in this book.

Dr. Herbert L. Shroyer

Dr. Herbert Lowell Shroyer (Doc) moved to Jay County in 1950 from Liberty Township, Delaware County. He was the second of two children born to Herbert (1882-1964) and Lola Olive (Brooks) Shroyer (1886-). He was born and raised on the family farm north of Selma, Ind. where his mother and sister, E. Caroll Shroyer still reside.

After having served in World War II and completing his education in the field of medicine at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, Doc took up residence and opened his medical practice in Dunkirk in 1950. His practice in Dunkirk spanned nearly 21 years before he closed it in 1971 due to the loss of his sight. During this period Doc served on the staff of the Jay County Hospital, was Jay County health officer (1964-1969) and was a member of the Jay County Medical Society.

After closing his practice, Doc joined the staff of the Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton where he served until his retirement in 1977.

Doc had married Ellen Deloris Shields (1926-) of Salem, Ind. in 1950. Their three children were: Lowell Allen (1951-), residing in Beech Grove, Ind. with his wife Pamela Sue (Deutsch); Mrs. Steven (Rita Jo) Zerbe (1952-), residing in Kokomo, Ind.; and Mrs. Alex (Resa Ann) Robertson (1955-), residing in Indianapolis, Ind. This marriage ended in divorce in 1964 and Doc married Carolyn Jo (Antrim) Huffman, (1932-) the only child of James Paul (1911-) and Violett Elena (Waymire) Antrim (1912-1965). She had previously been married to Thompson Lee Huffman of Delaware County. The children from their marriage were: Mrs. Thomas (Leslie Ann) Forrest (1951-), residing outside Dunkirk; Mrs. Bruce (Joy Lynn) Gregg (1953-), residing in Bluffton; Paul Thompson (1954-) who resides outside Dunkirk with his wife, Susan Elaine Ireland; Julie Dawn Huffman (1956-), residing in Arlington, Texas; Richard Lee Huffman (1957-), residing in Portland, Ind.; and Mary Kay Huffman (1961-) residing in Fort Wayne, Ind. Doc and Carolyn raised these nine children as well as a son born to them, Stephen Herbert Shroyer (1966-), who at this writing is still at home. There are currently nine grandchildren.

All the children were raised in the family home on South Main Street in Durkirk which was originally a five room bungalow and was, through the years, expanded to a 14 room, four level home. All the children attended the Dunkirk schools and many sought an education beyond high school. The family attended the Bethel United Methodist Church regularly where Doc and Carolyn are active members. Doc, Carolyn and many of their children were involved in two medical mission trips to the Dominican Republic in 1968 and 1969.

Upon announcement of the closing of his Dunkirk medical practice, Doc was honored by the people of the city on April 4, 1970 on what was officially proclaimed ''Dr. Shroyer Appreciation Day''. For the occasion the townspeople donated money to Doc for purposes of taking a vacation. He declined the vacation but used the funds to establish the ''Dr. Shroyer Christian Love Scholarship Fund''. Doc has been the subject of feature articles for a number of newspapers such as the Indianapolis Star, Mun-

Front row: Mary Kay Huffman, Carolyn Shroyer, Stephen Shroyer, Leslie Forrest, Dr. Herbert Shroyer and Joy Gregg. Back row: Richard Huffman, Resa Robertson, Lowell Shroyer, Paul Huffman, Julie Huffman and Rita Zerbe.

cie Star, The Elkhart Truth, Commercial Review, and Dunkirk News and Sun. *Submitted by Richard Lee Huffman.*

William W. Shultz

William W. Shultz came to Jay County when about nine years old. He was born in Delaware County, Ohio on February 14, 1951. His father, Zachariah (5-12-1827; 10-8-02), was the son of Jacob and Sarah Catherine Shultz, both of whom were born in Philadelphia, Pa. William's mother was Martha Jane Black (10-27-1827; 4-16-78). Zachariah and Martha, after living in the counties of Knox and Delaware in Ohio, moved their family to Jay County in a big wagon about 1860. The children, in order of age, were William, Mary, John, Sarah, George and Frank. William married Samantha Jane Halfhill October 1, 1873. Samantha (10-28-1854; 3-26-99) was the daughter of John Halfhill and Nancy Darst. John (11-10-1817; d.____) was born in Pike County, Pa. and moved to Gallia County, Ohio when five years old. He was the son of Samuel Halfhill (b. 1799; d. 11-18-1884) and Anna Lemly Halfhill (1779-1839), both of German ancestry. John Halfhill married Nancy Darst in Gallia County where they both lived and they later moved to Madison Township, Jay County.

Before they were married William Shultz and Samantha Halfhill went to school in Belfountain, Indiana. They started farming in Green Township, Jay County first on a farm west of Center Church and then on a farm one mile east of Center and ¼ mile north. The accompanying picture shows the barn on that farm with William holding two of his horses, his second wife, Molly, in the buggy and Samantha's brother, Sam Halfhill, with the single horse. The barn still stands but in 1979 the windmill was moved to the farm now owned by William's grandson, Ralph Hiatt, just south of Center Church. William was a thrifty and progressive farmer and accumulated considerable property. He was a charter member of the Center United Brethern Church. After Samantha died in 1899, he married Molly Bird Bowen. Molly was the mother of Ray Bowen of Green Township; her grandchildren now living in Jay County are Fred, Roger, and Carl Bowen and Lena Bowen Morrical. William died October 5, 1918. The children born to William and Samantha, in order of age, were Elnora Esther (known as Nora), Charles (who died young), Lewis E., Barbara Emaline, James and John W. Following is a few words about the six children.

Nora Shultz Hiatt after teaching school for six years, mostly in Green Township, married Luther E. Hiatt in 1899. They had 12 children: Gleah, Ernest, Virgil, Russel, William (who died young), Mary Ruth, Ralph, Irene, Herbert, Lisabeth and Lloyd. Two of the children still reside in Jay County; Mrs. Jay Peterson (Gleah) lives in Dunkirk and Lisabeth Hiatt Taylor lives with her husband Everett Taylor on a farm one mile east of Center Church in Green Township. A more complete history of this family is given under the Luther E. Hiatt history in this book.

Lewis E. Shultz (2-12-78; 9-__-22) was a farmer, mostly in Jay County. He married Mildred Ebersole about 1901 and they had four sons: Clarence, William, Everett and Carl. Everett, the only son now alive, farmed for several years in Jay County and now lives in Portland.

Barbara Emaline Shultz (1-31-80; 11-15-45) married Albert Finlay in 1906. They also farmed in Green Township and at the time of their death owned a farm east of Center Church almost across the road from the farm formerly owned by her father. They had two children: Margaret Lucile Finlay Owen who lives with her husband Ward Owen on the farm just mentioned. Their other child, Mary Ellen Finley Luttman lives with her husband, Kenneth Luttman south of Albany, Indiana.

James B. Shultz (10-28-82; 3-31-57) farmed all of his life in Jay County and at the time of his death owned the farm adjacent to and just north of the farm formerly owned by his father. James married Bessie Robinson in 1903 and they had three children: Freda, Roy and Mabel. Freda (Mrs. Russell Wright) lives on a farm in Green Township just west of Walnut Corner. Roy was a farmer in Green Township and now lives in Pennville, Ind. Mabel (Mrs. George Denny) formerly lived in Dunkirk but now lives in Howe, Ind.

John W. Shultz (1-23-86; 11-23-19) was a farmer but later lived and worked in Portland. In 1907, he married Ethel Loy

Sam Halfhill, Molly Shultz and W.W. Shultz and they had two children, Harold and Helen. Harold is deceased and Helen (Mrs. Robert Spahr) lives in Dayton, Ohio. *Submitted by Ralph Hiatt.*

Nial D. Simpson

Nial, the eldest son of George Washington and Adaline LaFollette Simpson, was born near Portland, November 16, 1874. He attended Jay Conty schools and worked on his father's profitable farm until his marriage.

His father, George, the son of Daniel and Hannah Jones Simpson, moved with his parents and younger siblings, William, Clem, Lydia Knapp, and Ellen Badders from Ohio to Jay County in 1866. Later, John and Susan Marsh were born. The Simpsons settled on a farm in Wayne Township near Joseph and Charlotte Stratton LaFollette.

The LaFollette family had migrated from Ohio in 1837. Joseph and Charlotte were the parents of Elkanah; twins, Adeline (Simpson) and Caroline Rook; George; James; Alice (Holdren); Charles; Watson; Mary Bradley; Edgar; Jackson; and Belle. Joseph was a surveyor and Charlotte served the community as a "Granny" doctor, applying her healing herbs.

George Simpson (1849-1919) and Adeline LaFollette (1852-1887) were married February 1, 1873. Their three surviving children included Nial; Emmett B. (1877-1968), who married Bertha A. Trout and lived out his life in Jay County; Ruth A. (1882-1970), who married Elmer Nixon and had daughters, Naomi Sanders and Florence Macy, all county residents.

Following Adeline's death, George married Martha J. Badders in 1906 and fathered Edna, and twins, James W. and Albert B.

On April 1, 1903, Nial and Evelyn Hellyer were married in Portland. To this union seven children wee born: Esther Sweetwood 1904 and Emory 1906 in Portland; Helen Sweetwood 1909; Ruth Smith 1912; Alice, died in infancy; Ross 1918; and Ilene Ross 1920, all in Kansas.

Evelyn, the eldest daughter of George H. and Josephine Tucker Hellyer, was born February 6, 1883 in Hartford, Indiana. Her father, George (1851-1924), son of John and Mary Hellyer was born in Portland, while her mother, Josephine (1859-1940) was born in Iowa.

George and Josephine Hellyer were married January 1, 1880 in Portland. They parented John; Evelyn Simpson; Clyde; Sarah; Rose Dicker; Charles; Fred; George and Thelma Pflug. The older and younger children were born in Jay County, the others in Nebraska. Thelma Pflug, the only surviving child, now lives in Turner, Oregon. While living in Jay County, George worked as a teamster. The Hellyers later homesteaded near Williston, North Dakota, where they lived out their lives.

Nial and Evelyn moved by emigrant car to Kansas in 1908. There they raised corn, purebred Shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. In 1921, the family moved to a fruit ranch at Cedaredge, Colorado. After losing the ranch during the depression, they moved to a farm near Vale, Oregon. When Nial was past 65 years of age, they homesteaded near Notus, Idaho. This was to be their last home. Evelyn died February 13, 1957 and Nial, September 6, 1963.

Although the Simpsons moved many times searching for a more compatible climate for Nial's asthma, Jay County, indiana was always home. Nial, a natural story teller, recounted anecdotes of family and community to his children and grandchildren. Thus, all are strongly aware of their deeply entwined roots in the soil of Jay County. *Submitted by Esther Simpson Sweetwood.*

Skinner

Salathiel Skinner (ca. 1829-1895) and wife Amaretta (1837-) came from Ohio where they were born. They died in Jay County and buried in Portland. Eleven children were born to them: Ovid, Emma E., Amanda Mae, Phillip Milton, William Monroe, Eva Bell, Calvin, Charles and three unknown.

Back row: Bess Skinner, Ethel Mae Skinner Thomas, Mary Skinner, Malcolm Skinner, May McClough, Will McClough, Hugh Skinner, Parmelia Ann Collett Skinner, Freida Saunders, unknown. Front row: Calvin Skinner, Milton Skinner, Amaretta Skinner, William Monroe Skinner, Charles Skinner.

William Collett, born in Ohio, married Katherine Marie Aarn who was born 1839 in Lucerne, Switzerland. She was brought to America at the age of six. They were parents of: Parmelia Ann, James (1865-) and Edward (1867).

William Monroe Skinner, son of Salathiel (1866-ca. 1935), married 1887 to Parmelia Ann Collett, daughter of William (1864-1935). Three children were born to them. Ethel Mae, Walter Earle and Byron Russell. William and brothers Phillip Milton and Charles were in the monument business in the town of Portland.

Henry Calvin Thomas (1841-) married 1870 to Martha Caroline Longfellow (1850- ca. 1937). They were parents of Omar, Pearl, Mary, Will, Isaac O., Sarah Jessie, Charles Longfellow and Ralph F.

Charles Longfellow Thomas, son of Henry Calvin (1884-1952) married 1914 to Ethel Mae Skinner, daughter of William Monroe (1888-1977). Charles worked for Dunn and Bradstreet. He also played percussion in the Circus Band. He with his wife managed two golf courses. Ethel ran a tea room about five years. They were parents of: John Longfellow (1915-), Charles Bruce (1916-) and Barton Lee (1925-). *Submitted by Mrs. Barton Thomas.*

The Cecil C. Slick Family

Cecil C. Slick (1920-1979) and Delova D. (Tillie) Evans Slick (1923-) immediately settled in Randolph County after being married November 30, 1939. Delova, or Tillie as she is more commonly known, was the daughter of James Alva (1890-1962) and Hazel (1893-1980) Thrash Evans of Jay County. Elmer Dewey (1898-1965) and Nellie Mae (1899-1949) Fellers Slick were Cecil's parents. Cecil had two brothers, Harold and Paul. Paul Slick, his only surviving brother still lives in Portland. Tillie had two sisters, Nova and Betty and two brothers, Ralph and Chester. Her sister Betty and her brother Chester are surviving along with Tillie; all still live in Jay County.

Cecil and Delova are the parents of two daughters, Elnora Edloris, born in 1941 and Janet Sue, born in 1943. On November 14, 1963, Janet was married to John H. Worley, and now they are the parents of three children: Larry, Linda and John.

Since the early 40's, Cecil and his family have been residents of Jay County.

Even though for 32 years Cecil was a truck driver for Naas Foods, Inc., he will be best remembered as one of Jay County's first antique auto collector. As an antique auto collector, his most prized possession was a 1913 Overland Roadster. After the Overland had been in storage, upon jacks, for many years, in 1952 he became the auto's second owner. A prized possession that 30 years later is still in the family and the auto has only 5,000 original miles. *Submitted by Elnora Slick, Cecil's daughter.*

Smith Brothers

These Smith brothers, representative farmers of the era in Jay County that extended from the reaping of grain with the cradle, in which they participated as youths, to the dawn of mechanical power, cornpickers, and combines, did all their active farming with horses, small grain was shocked and threshed, corn was shocked and husked by hand.

Ezra, Uriah, Henry Alfred and Samuel E. Smith

Pictured are Uriah M. (1852-1936, no tie) who married Mary Ann Berger Strauss, mother of Clint Strauss, and lived on the NE corner of Roads 140 and 173; Henry Alfred (1859-1928, watch chain) who married Lucinda Nothstine of Pickaway Co., Ohio, and lived in Pike Twp. on Road 179 north of 140 one-quarter mile, father of Bert E.; Ezra (1863-1948, at left) who married Effie Atkinson, mother of Floyd and Glee Smith, and after Effie's death married Harriet Theurer, mother of Herbert, Harold, Dale, Cecil, and George, lived in Madison Twp. on Road 179 one-half mile north of 140; Samuel (1865-1952, at right) who married Mary E. Bibler, father of Ervin, Pearl, and Orpha, lived on Road 189 south of 130.

Father of these brothers was William Smith (1826-99) who married Eliza Ann (1832-1904), daughter of Benjamin Smith and Abigail Billig, grandson of Captain Peter Schmidt, 2nd Battalion of Berks Co., Pa. In 1837 Eliza's family moved to Fairfield Co., Ohio where she met William and in 1860 they moved with their three sons from near Basil to a half mile north of Boundary City, where were born: Mary Ella (1861-1919, unmarried); Ezra and Samuel (above); Cora (1870-1964), who married Henry Shauver, mother of Inez, Clyde, Merle, Myrtle, Mildred, and Edna, all of whom moved to Lansing, Mich. after Henry's death in 1910; Louisa (1873-1963), who married James Robson, mother of Earl, Erma, Everett, Mabel, Ida, and Ray. Josiah (1854-1901, born in Ohio), who married Sarah Degler, father of Ada, Oliver, Aria, Asa, Oscar, and Dewey, lived on the NW corner of Roads 140 and 173.

In 1876 and 77 William bought 267 acres at the SW corner of Roads 130 and 173 from John Hardy for $10,000. When Eliza and younger children boarded the wagon to be moved to the new home on the Little Salamonie they had no idea of the site. This home place next was owned by Louisa Robson and husband.

All items about living conditions in that early period are from reminiscences of boyhood by this reporter's father, Ezra. He spoke of waking in winter to find that during the night snow had sifted onto his bed through cracks in the house; of spending evenings in the light of an ignited rag one end of which rested in a container of animal fat; of being set astride a horse loaded with a bag of grain and sent to the mill to have it ground; as a young man of walking the three and a half miles to the Reformed Church in Salamonia on Sundays, sometimes twice, and being joined enroute by other young people, and romances budding when two of the company found a mutual attraction that led them to walk apart from the crowd. *Submitted by Dale Smith.*

Enos Smith Family

Enos Smith, who was born March 25, 1835 and died July 22, 1901, came from Wayne County, Indiana with his wife, the former Nancy Jane McCullough, she was born January 5, 1834 and died March 10, 1908. They purchased an 80 acre farm one half mile south of the little village of Powers in Jefferson Township, Jay County on April 17, 1869. To them were born seven children: Elmer, Thomas, Samuel and Ida, Cora, Andrew and John died in infancy. His son Elmer then purchased the farm on January 10, 1902 after the death of his father. Elmer was born March 19, 1864 and died November 12, 1928. He was married to Emma Silvers on December 8, 1883, she died April 13, 1933. To them were born five children: Clarence, Delma, Dessie, Blanche and Dicie. Elmer Smith was elected Jay County Commissioner from the South District and served as one of the commissioners from 1916-1918 at the time the present Jay County Courthouse was built. His name appears on the plaque in the courthouse. He was always known as "Pop" Smith among his many political friends. After his death his eldest son, Clarence G. Smith, purchased the family farm on December 19, 1928. He was born October 17, 1885 and died April 15, 1958. He was married to Lola C. Rees on February 24, 1909. They went to housekeeping on the family farm and lived there until their deaths. She was born September 16, 1886 and died October 3, 1972. They had three children: Cassius, Jerome and Gaynelle.

Cassius "Ty" Smith was born January 28, 1910 and on October 21, 1933 he was married to Pauline A. Ullom. She was born December 25, 1911. They have lived their entire married life at Powers. He owns and operated the only Gun Stock shop in this part of the country. They are the parents of two sons, Darrell and Jay. Darrell Smith is married to the former Kira Dunn and they also live at Powers. They are the parents of two children, Allen and Jeanne. Allen is married to the former Cheryl Barga and they live near Greenville, Ohio. Jay Smith is married to the former Amy Wills and they live in Union City, Indiana and they have one son, Kevin.

Jerome "Pete" Smith was born September 9, 1914 and on September 6, 1940 he married Mary B. Hudson. She was born September 7, 1914. They lived at Powers for a few years after they were married and then moved to Bear Lake, Indiana.

Gaynelle L. Smith was born February 2, 1924 and on October 31, 1948 she was married to Robert L. Lee who was born June 24, 1922. They have two children, Cinda Sue and Jerry. On October 8, 1977 their daughter, Cinda Sue, married Harold L. Sutton Jr. and they have one son, Zebulon Luke. The Smith family farm was purchased September 5, 1973 by Robert and Gaynelle (Smith) Lee where they now live. It has been in the family for over one hundred years and is one of Indiana's century farms. *Submitted by Gaynelle L. Lee.*

Ca. 1918. Daisy Smith with Elma and Virgil

John R. Smith

John Roy Smith was born April 28, 1885, in Servia, Indiana, Wabash County. He was the son of Samuel L. and Hariet (Archer) Smith. His father served in the Civil War in Company A, 75th Regiment Indiana Infantry. He was General Sherman's body guard.

Mr. Smith married Daisy Leah Weaver on November 16, 1909. She was from Geneva in Adams County. Her father was Joel Weaver. He also served in the Civil War. First Ohio Sharpshooters, 10th Ohio Infantry Regiment, 16th Army Corps. Her mother, Charlotte Rape, was the granddaughter of Jacob Rape, who came from France with Lafayette to fight in the Revolutionary War.

John and Daisy Smith settled in Portland, Indiana, Jay County about 1930. Mr. Smith sold stoves and also repaired them. He also sharpened knives and scissors. The family home was on East Washington Street. Portland Teledyne has torn the house down and made a parking lot there now. John and Daisy Smith are buried in Green Park Cemetery (Portland).

They had eight children:

Elma, who married Gerald Lanning. They have three children: Robert, Betty, and Joyce.

Virgil (deceased), who married Marrianna Wheeler (deceased). they had four children: Jane Ann, Jeanette Sue,

Ca. 1943. Standing: John and Daisy Smith, Virgil, Trieva and Berlyn. In front: Wilbert and Lewis.

Barbara Kay, and Kim.

Reba, who married Carl Taylor (deceased). They had six children: Phylis, Berniece, Frank, Sue, Daisy and Jennifer. Reba's second husband is Joseph Bond. They now reside in Florida.

Berlyn, who met his first wife Lucille while in the Army. She was from South Dakota. He and his second wife Garnet live in Florida. They have no children.

Treva, who married Bernard Squires. They have three chidlren: Bernard Jr., Jani and Karen. They live in Fort Wayne.

Lewis, who met his wife while in the Navy. She is the former Jennie Plunkett from Texas. They have two children, Shiela and Regina.

Wilbert, who married Mildred Beard. They have four children: Charlotte, Michael, Patrick and Jack. *Submitted by Mildred "Skippy" Smith.*

Wilbert R. Smith

Wilbert Raymond Smith was born in South Whitley, Indiana in Whitley County on May 13, 1928. He was the youngest of eight children. His parents were John and Daisy (Weaver) Smith. They moved to Jay County when he was about two years old.

He married Mildred (Skippy) Beard, September 18, 1949. Her parents were Ira S. and Madge D. (Letts) Beard. They lived on a farm in Penn Township, Jay County about two miles from Fiat, Ind.

The Smith's are parents of four children, all born in Portland, Indiana. Charlotte Madge was born on Dec. 6, 1951. She married Dale Ray Hidy on March 1, 1975. They are both graduates of Vincennes University. Charlotte attended Ball State University. They live in Delaware County where Dale is an aviation mechanic at the airport.

Michael Ira was born on September 28, 1955. He married Stephanie Romine on May 20, 1978. He attended Ball State University and Lincoln Tech. He is a diesel mechanic. Stephanie attended Purdue University. She is the pharmacist at the Jay County Hospital.

Patrick Ray was born on April 18, 1957. He just completed four years in the navy and is a 2nd class Petty Officer.

Mr. and Mrs.
Wilbert Smith, 1974

Jack Lee was born on June 5, 1958. He is still in the navy. He is serving aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Enterprise. He is a 3rd class Petty Officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two grandchildren, Christopher Alan and Matthew Lee Hidy.

Mr. Smith is an independent trucker. He has been driving for 20 years. He has leased to several companies. Mr. Smith is an experienced body repair man and enjoys restoring antique vehicles. Mrs. Smith enjoys crocheting. She has several samples of her work in her home. She goes to craft shows and exhibits some of it. *Submitted by Mildred "Shippy" Smith.*

Sodders Family

James Henry Sodders and Rebecca Marie Cantrill Sodders settled in Jay County in 1879. They arrived by covered ox-cart at the Redkey Hotel, which was across the street from the former Redkey High School, now the city building, and spent their first night in Jay County there. James and Rebecca purchased a 50-acre farm 1½ miles west of Redkey and this original farm is still in the Sodders family, after 101 years.

James H. Sodders, born 3-19-1844, was one of nine children born to David E. Sodders, born 4-17-1817 in Ohio, and Sarah Ellen Shadley, born in Ohio in 12-10-1822. They were married in Green County, Ohio 8-31-1839.

Many of the Sodders relatives still live in the Dayton, Ohio, area. At one time, near the 1850 census the name was spelled "Soders", and in the 1870 census it was spelled "Sodders".

James and Rebecca made several moves before settling in Jay County. Records show that prior to settling here James sued his father for $733.87. In 1883 he sued his mother's estate for the same amount plus interest. He was unsuccessful again, so when his father died he sued his estate in 1885. That estate was declared insolvent, but he did receive a small percent of the original suit. James was a crippled man, but was able to farm.

James died on 1-5-1896 at his farm home. Rebecca and her children moved to Redkey in 1905 where she lived until her death February 25, 1911. Their children were David Edwin, Wilbur Allen, Nora Ella, Maggie Delene, Carrie Amantha, Myrtle Mae, Orville James, and Alva Curl. This history will deal with the Orville James family.

Orville James Sodders was born 8-14-1878 and died on 1-6-1951. He was six months old when his parents brought him to Jay County in a covered wagon. He lived at the same location most of his life on their farm west of Redkey, and moved to Redkey a few years before his death. Many people referred to Orville as "the stock buyer from Jay County". He told the story about making a "deal" involving the purchase of a wagon and he decided the name had a better ring if it were transposed, so from then on he signed all his business papers James Orville Sodders. He would purchase horses in his area and ship them by train to West Virginia. One time he and his partner were standing on the cowcatcher in front of the train when it took off. They had gone a ways before the engineer noticed them and stopped.

There was a gravel pit operation on the original 50 acres, with no road access, so James Orville purchased an additional 30 acres. Family stories believe James Orville could purchase this because of an inheiritance his wife received.

The pit was started in the early 1930's when stone was sold for 10¢ a yard and farms sold for $50.00 an acre. It was hauled out by horse and teams, and once two horses went over the embankment and fell off into the pit and drowned. The original Redkey railroad overpass was built with 10,000 yards of stone and dirt from there.

Back by the gravel pit was a log cabin and a white frame house. When James married Mettie M. Coons they lived in the white house. Mettie M. Coons was born 9-11-1883, died 7-4-1912. Their first child, Raymond, died in infancy. A daughter, Ruth Marie Sodders, 5-14-1905, was born and when Wilbur Basil was born they lived at the present farm of their younger son, Karl. Wilbur was born 11-9-1910.

Ruth Marie Sodders would walk to the Fishback School, on the corner of Jay County roads 43 and 170, when she was four years old. She was too young for formal school, so she "enrolled" herself by just walking in and staying. This school property is now part of the same property owned by Karl and Cheryl Sodders. The bricks and stones still lie there today where that school stood.

When Wilbur was 20 months old and Ruth was about 5, their mother died. Wilbur was to live with his Aunt Carrie Wilson in Indianapolis, and Marie, as Ruth Marie is known, lived with her Aunt Nora Crist. Both aunts were sisters to James Orville.

James Orville then married Jessie Opal Cecil (10-26-1887; 9-9-1959). They lived directly across from the gravel pit farm after their marriage. Their children were: Eva Rebecca, James Junior, and Andrew, who all died in infancy. Mary Ellen was born 10-11-1926.

Today the only building standing was originally a home owned by an oil driller from Albany, James Orville disassemble and but it together piece by piece on the west side of the gravel pit. The barn burned when the cow hooked her horn on the lantern and started a fire. The cow escaped. The frame house burned before James' second marriage. He was calling for help on the phone, and could feel the fire getting close. He grabbed two shoes and only when he was outside noticed his shoes didn't match. James once had a note to pay Mr. McKinney for the 30 acres, and had all but five cents. Mr. McKinney was a kind man so he gave him more time to pay the nickel.

When James' parents died he became owner of the 80 acres where the gravel pit lies. He later purchased the 120 acres adjoining his property to the south on county road 170. When James died, Wilbur received the 60 acres to the west side of the 120, and Ruth Marie received the 60 acres to the east. Mary Ellen received the 40 where a house and barn stood at the west side of the 80 acre farm and Jessie, her mother, received the 40 to the east, and also a house in Redkey where she lived until her death. This 40 acres of Jessie's was sold to her grandson, Orville Neil, then later he sold it to Mary Ellen, making it again one 80-acre farm. This is the 80 acres purchased from Mary Ellen by Karl Sodders in 1974. Wilbur Sodders purchased the 60 acres belonging to Ruth Marie.

Sodders

The first Sodders in Jay County was James Orville and Mettie M. Coons Sodders. Orville was born August 8, 1878, and died January 6, 1951. Mettie was born September 11, 1883, and died July 4, 1912. They had three children: Raymond died in infancy; Ruth Marie, born May 14, 1905; and Wilbur Basil, born November 9, 1910. James Orville later married Jessie Opal Cecil (October 26, 1887-September 9, 1950). Four children were born to this couple: Eva Rebecca, James Junior, Andrew (all three children died in infancy), and Mary Ellen (born October 11, 1926).

Ruth Marie Sodders married Oren Alonzo Shultz (January 28, 1905-April 20, 1970). Their children were: (A) Wilma Jean (January 19, 1926-January 16, 1978), who married Robert K. Meyer, born February 12, 1924. They had two children: Ronald Lee, born May 5, 1948; and Donald Gene, born February 15, 1951. Ronald married Jacqueline Sue Rees; later they divorced and he then married Michele ________. They had two children: Jaret and Erin Marie. Donald Gene married Shelia Mae Wasker, born September 30, 1951. Their children are: Scottie Gene, born November 15, 1971; and Tammy Mae, born August 16, 1974. Wilma and Robert Meyer divorced and she married Charles Humphrey, born October 21, 1920.

(B) Martha Elizabeth Shultz, born July 2, 1928, married Melvin A. Rees, born October 9, 1926. Their children are Ricky Allen, born April 1, 1948, married to Linda Lee Thompson. They have one daughter, Angela Dawn, born September 5, 1977. Larry Dean Rees, born May 6, 1953, married Susan Michelle Irwin, born December 23, 1954, and they have Michael Shane, born November 17, 1972.

Wilbur Basil Sodders married Elsie Irene Marquell, born April 20, 1912, of Delaware County. They live southwest of Redkey, Indiana on Rd. 170. Wilbur farmed most of his life on the farm his father originally purchased. He is the pastor of the Dunkirk Seventh Day Pentacostal Assembly Church. Elsie spent many years as a practical nurse, working in homes, nursing homes and the hospital. she is a member of the Sugar Grove United Methodist Church near Redkey. Their children are: Orville Neal; LeVara Eunice; Karl Edwin; Karol Evelyn and Wilburta Ellen. Orville Neal Sodders, born September 1, 1935, married Paula Ann Johnson, born June 27, 1939. He has worked for Delco Remy factory in Anderson, Indiana for 22 years. They own the 50 acre farm across the road from his parents on Rd. 170. Their seven children are: Cheryl June Sodders, born April 18, 1957, married to Clarence Edward Cobb, born September 1, 1951. They have three children: Christa June, born September 9, 1976; Clinton Edward, born February 7, 1978; and Cyle Edward, born February 7, 1980. Dawna Leann Sodders, born December 31, 1959, has a son, Michael Shawn, born April 23, 1978. Annette Gayle and Angela Gay Sodders, identical twins, were born June 24, 1961. Angela is married to Kenneth Smith, born April 23, 1957. They have Diana Nicole, born November 14, 1979. Neil Brian Sodders, born October 7, 1962, married Dorla Coleman, born October 29, 1959. They have one daughter, Toshia Rene, born January 27, 1981. Stephen Brent Sodders, born May 4, 1966; and Connie Michelle Sodders, born August 17, 1968. Orville and Paula were divorced in 1977. LeVara Eunice Sodders, b. February 6, 1937, married Richard Lee Clifton, born February 2, 1932. They have lived near Portland, Indiana for 20 years. Richard has worked for Westinghouse of Union City, Indiana for 26 years, and LeVara has worked for the Citizens Bank in the Travel Center for seven years. Richard is active in REACT, a citizens band radio organization. Amelita, b. 7-20-67, is the only child at home. Their other children are: Debbie Darlene, born April 1, 1957, married to Mike Shreeve, born October 20, 1956. They have a child, Erin M., born September 27, 1978. Mike is employed at Naas Foods and Debbie at Holthouse Furniture, both located in Portland. They are members of the First Baptist Church. Richard Lee II, born October 23, 1958, married Rebecca Hahn, born January 5, 1960, and have a daughter, Sarah L., born October 23, 1980. Rick is a self-employed siding and remodeling contractor and a member of the Jaycees. Becky is employed at Portland Industrial Products. They are members of the First Baptist Church.

Karl Edward Sodders, born January 31, 1944, married Cheryl Louise Price, born August 27, 1944. They own three parcels of land near Redkey, Indiana, including the original 50 acres of the Sodders farm. They are dairy farmers and are members of the Indiana Young Farmers Association. They have three children: Brenda Jo, born August 5, 1963, and is attending beauty college; Bradley Jay, born November 24, 1964, a junior at Jay County High School; and Beckie Janene, born July 9, 1968, a student at West Jay Jr. High. Cheryl drives a school bus full time and Karl is a substitute driver. Their church is the Word of Faith Ministry Center in Dunkirk, Indiana. Karol Evelyn Sodders, born December 30, 1944, married Paul David McClellen, born July 15, 1942. They lived in rural Portland when they were married in 1963. When State Rd. #27 relocated, they purchased the house in which they were living and moved it south on the same farm property and purchased the land there. They have lived there since. There are three children: Yvonne Rochelle, born July 11, 1964, attends Jay County High School where she will graduate in 1982; Lisa Marie, born February 6, 1968, is in school at East Jay Junior High; and Jodi Irene, born December 14, 1971, attends General Shanks Elementary School. David is employed at Teledyne Portland Forge and Karol is a full-time homemaker. They are active members of the First Nazarene Church in Portland. Wilburta Ellen Sodders, born September 4, 1946, married Mike Shannon, born March 17, 1947, and they live in Dunkirk, Indiana where they purchased their home in 1979. They have two children: Sean Michael, born November 20, 1977; and Jennifer Erin, born November 2, 1979. Mike received an associate degree in mortuary science at Vincennes College. He soon will receive his license to be a mortician. He has been employed at Jones Mortuary in Redkey, Indiana and has accepted a position in a Goshen, Indiana mortuary. They are both members of Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church in Dunkirk, Indiana and are active in full gospel organizations.

Mary Ellen Sodders, 10-11-1926, married Virgil Valentine Jr., born July 20, 1926. They purchased a farm in 1963 near Portland and built a home in 1977 on part of that property and the remainder of the farm was sold. They sold the original Sodders farm in 1974. Their daughter, Teresa Lynn, born October 12, 1956, graduated from Taylor University in 1979. She is attending Ball State University to earn an M.S. degree. At this time she is employed at Jay School Corporation. Mark Allen, their son, born September 16, 1959, is also attending Ball State University. He works at Nudor Corporation in Geneva, Indiana. Mary is a secretary at General Shanks Elementary School and Virgil is employed at Teledyne Portland Forge. They are all members of the Asbury United Methodist Church, Portland, Indiana. *Submitted by Cheryl L. Sodders.*

Charles A. Sommer Family

The Sommer family has lived in the vicinity of Salamonia, Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana for one hundred and twenty years or five generations. Mrs. Earl (Luella Wolf) Sommer is the only family member yet living in the area.

The Madison Township relationship began when John Adam Sommer brought his wife Margaret and his three children, Eva M., Thomas E., and David A. from Baden Baden, Germany by way of Marion, Ohio to Jay County, Indiana in 1860. He bought and cleared 120 acres of school lands in Madison Township in 1860 and 1862. The land is located in section sixteen, across the road from where Madison High School was later to be built.

The oldest son, Thomas, served in the Civil War as a substitute for George Jetter which enabled him to buy eighty acres of land across the road from his father's farm.

The second son, David A., married Nancy Isenhart, widow of Burdine Isenhart, a Civil War veteran, in 1873. There were three sons born to this union: Thomas E., Obediah A., and Charles A. who is the subject of this article.

Charles A. married Ella E. Theurer in 1899. He was a farm laborer who had gone to school only three years but soon started renting land and established a viable farm operation. He gradually acquired more land and later owned two hundred acres at the western edge of Salamonia where the family lived for 55 years.

There were six sons born to this union. Until this time, the principal family interest was in farming. Of the six sons, only two continued to operate farms. The oldest son, Howard A., became a lawyer and served as Circuit Court judge of Montgomery County, Indiana for 28 years. Earl E. operated a farm part time but worked for the Ft. Recovery Equity in Ft. Recovery, Ohio. Clarence A. taught school and was a professor at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio for 27 years. Alva A. farmed part time in Randolph County, Indiana but worked for over twenty years at Hardys in Union City, Indiana. Ivan A. became a teacher and school principal in Greenville, Ohio. Arlie V. managed and owned variety stores and later became a representative for a paint company in Cleveland, Ohio.

None of the sons now live in Jay County, Earl having died in 1979. As farming and farm life has changed so farm members seek other activities, professions or vocations.

The family farm has been sold and the Sommer family members have died or scattered to other areas. Mr. Charles Sommer died in 1966 and his wife, Ella, in 1970.

The transition of an immigrant German family to middle-class Americans is very clearly illustrated. Charles A. began school speaking German, which he never completely forgot, and his sons, the products of the long transition in farm life became readily accepted in the professions or gained management status in industry.

Spade—Hummel Family

Carl Shurz Spade married Mary Lowena McFadden Oct. 2, 1903. They were married by Rev. Daniel Spade. Carl was employed at the Hutchens, Finch, and Spade Grocery store. Carl and Mary Lowena had two children; Ivan, born December 1904, died February 1905, and Nilah Irene, born June 17, 1906.

Nilah Irene and Louise Herbert Hummel were married on April 16, 1927. They became parents of four children: Herbert Duane, born March 21, 1928; Vivian LaVaun, born August 24, 1929; Lois Jean, born August 24, 1940; and Gregory Alan, born March 20, 1951. Louis was employed by the Jay County Farm Bureau for 23 years, then he was employed by Naas Foods 18 years, when he retired. Louis passed away December 26, 1974, and Nilah Irene lives in their country home in Green Township.

Herbert Duane Hummel married Phyllis Ann Rohr Nov. 23, 1949. Herbert Duane is a building contractor in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. They had four children: Michael Duane, born Feb. 24, 1952, died May 1, 1956; Terry Alan, born Oct. 6, 1955, graduated from Davidson College N.C., and is now with the United Way; Keven Randal, born Sept. 23, 1958. He graduated from Furman College S.C., and is now working on a master degree in Phsychology in the University of Georgia. He is also a teacher in the college; Michelle Diane, born Dec. 8, 1966. She was crowned homecoming queen in the football league in 1981.

Terry Alan Humel married Maureen Helen Bransfield June 5, 1976. They have one son, Ryan Bransfield Hummel, born Dec. 20, 1979.

Vivian LaVaun Hummel married Darrel Burton Brewster July 15, 1950. Darrel played pro football for Cleveland Browns and Pittsburg Steelers, and later coach of the Minnesota Vikings and Kansas City Chiefs. They have five children: Deborah Lynn, born Jan. 26, 1953; Christine Diane, born Mar. 6, 1955; Darlene Kay, born April 26, 1957; Darrel Burton, Jr., born Sept. 10, 1962; Janelle Rae, born Aug. 30, 1965.

Deborah Lynn Brewster married William Wildeisen Feb. 19, 1979. Deborah is a school teacher. They have one daughter, Amber Lynn, born Mar. 26, 1980.

Christine Diane Brewster married Herbert Ferguson Aug. 15, 1975. They have two daughters, Jill Marie, born Dec. 11, 1976 and Jennifer Diane, born Dec. 10, 1978.

Darlene Kay married Larry Roy Scott Nov. 27, 1976. They have one daughter, Lori Kay, born Sept. 22, 1978.

Lois Jean Hummel married James Lowell Grisso Dec. 26, 1959. Lois is a realtor and James Grisso is editor of the Herald Times in Gaylord, Michigan. They have four daughters: Rebecca Jane, born April 4, 1961, who is attending the University of Michigan; Susan Jill, born Feb. 15, 1963, who is attending Central Michigan University; Elizabeth Diane, born May 17, 1964; Sandra Marie, born June 11, 1966.

Gregory Alan Hummel married Bessie Justine Gray Aug. 29, 1970. Bessie and Gregory work at CTS factory in Berne, Indiana, and also farm. They had three children: Gregory Eugene, born May 22, 1971; Teresa Lynn, born Jan. 30, 1972, died at birth; and Charity Dawn, born July 24, 1975. *Submitted by Nilah Spade Hummel.*

Daniel Farber Spade

Daniel Farber Spade was born Oct. 15, 1828, son of John George and Margeret Farber Spade. Margeret Farber Spade was the daughter of Daniel Farber. He had the first post-office in Jay Co. in his log cabin just south of College Corner Grocery. He was a Revolutionary soldier, who fought with Washington at Yorktown. He was severly wounded in battle.

Daniel Farber Spade, Ellery Channing Spade and son Waldo, Horace Spade.

John George Spade came to the United States apprenticed to a brewer in Pennsylvania, where he worked for seven years to pay his passage to the United States from Wurtenburg, Germany. In 1837 he came to Jay County and took up land grant in Liber. He cleared 160 acres (later the Dr. Mincks farm).

Daniel Farber Spade with the help of Ferd and John Haines, when boys, built the Little Salamonia Church in 1838 (at corner of Co. Road 130 and Boundary Pike). This was the first church in Jay Co. Before the meetings were held in John George Spade's barn in the summer and different homes in the winter. John George and Margeret Farber Spade, and Daniel Spade were charter members of the church. Ebenezer Allen donated the ground for the church. Rev. Daniel Farber Spade was pastor of the church in 1866-67. He was also pastor of the East Main St. Christian Church in Portland.

Rev. Daniel Farber Spade married Mary Elizabeth Miller Aug. 11, 1850. They had six children: William Elery Channing Spade, born Sept. 15, 1854; Horace Mann Spade, born Dec. 1, 1856; Jacob Miller Spade, born Dec. 27, 1863. John Spade, Euphemia Spade, and Margareta Spade, are buried in Liber Cemetery near front entrance.

William Elery Channing Spade, married Frances Brown July 11, 1858. They adopted Eva and Walter Bray. Walter Bray was a druggest in Anderson, Indiana.

Horace Mann Spade worked at Cline-Wilt Lumber Co. He married Irene Cox March 27, 1877. They had eight children: Carl Shurz Spade, born June 13, 1878; Eva Spade, born March 6, 1879, died Nov. 27, 1884; Elery Channing Spade, born April 26, 1880; Daniel Martin Spade, born Dec. 7, 1882; Chester Arthur Spade, born April 13, 1856; Benjamin Harrison Spade, born July 4, 1890; Lillie Adella Spade, born Aug. 9, 1884; Mary Ruth Spade, born Nov. 2, 1896. *Submitted by Nila Spade Hummel.*

Elery Channing Spade

Elery Channing Spade married Lou Ketring. They have two children: Waldo, born Oct. 17, 1904 and Esther, born July 13, 1906.

Waldo Spade married LaTresha Green Dec. 20, 1925. They had one daughter, Mildred Spade, born Sept. 20, 1926. Mildred Spade married George Shepherd Sept. 29,

1944. They had two children: Richard Shepherd, born July 1, 1945 and Barbara Shepherd, born Nov. 7, 1946. Richard Shepherd's first marriage was to Sue Denton. They had one son, Bryan, born May 24, 1969. His second marriage was to Patty Jo Hanks in May 1974. They had one son, David, born Nov. 5, 1974. Barbara Shepherd married Deyo Deming Oct. 27, 1941. They had two children, Ronald and Rhonda.

Esther Spade married Al Churchill, there were no children.

Daniel Martin Spade married Anna Greaf Sept. 30, 1903. They had one daughter, Wava, born March 19, 1904.

Chester Arthur Spade married Inez Hathill in 1910. They had one daughter, Irene, born in 1911. Irene Spade married Gene Lamb. They had one son, Stanley Gene Lamb, born Aug. 6, 1931. Stanley Gene Lamb married Constance Mae McCool May 17, 1952. They have four children: Cynthia Louise, born April 11, 1955; Karen Sue, born July 27, 1957; John David, born Oct. 5, 1960; James Thomas, born Sept. 10, 1961.

Benjamin Harrison Spade married Luella Miley March 1910. They had twins, one died at birth, and Herbert Spade, born Dec. 19, 1911. Herbert Spade married Hazel McCarty. They had three children: Thomas Harrison, Carol and Linda.

Thomas Harrison Spade married Patrica Ann Sord. They had four children: Vicki, Karen, Carrie, and Thomas Harrison Jr. Carol Spade married Cecil Taylor. No children. Linda Spade's first marriage was to Sam Brown. They had three children: Thomas, Michael and Daniel. Her second marriage was to John Robertson. They have one child, Wesley. *Submitted by Nilah Spade Hammel.*

Spade

Jacob Miller Spade married Olive Bowen Dec. 27, 1884. Jacob Miller Spade owned three groceries in Portland and one in Berne, Indiana. They had six children: Mary Maude, born Dec. 8, 1885; Ethel Matilda, born Aug. 20, 1887; Frank Bowen, born Sept. 23, 1889; Ephraim Keith, born July 14, 1894; Emily Josephine, born Dec. 30, 1898; Dorothy, born Nov. 8, 1900. Mary Maude Spade married Herbert V. Tormohlen Aug. 29, 1912. They had two sons: Brooks Tilden, born April 14, 1918 and Byron Lee, born Oct. 6, 1919. Byron Lee died Dec. 25, 1952. Brooks Tilden Tormohlen married Elizabeth Wheeler Apr. 24, 1949 in Washington, D.C. They have two daughters: Carrie Beth, born Sept. 1, 1953 and Susan Annette, born Jan. 22, 1957. they both work for the Federal Government and live in Washington, D.C.

Ethel Matilda Spade married Claude Marion Twombly April 26, 1914. They had three children: Dorothy Helen, born March 24, 1915; John Fogg III, born Dec. 15, 1917; Richard, born Jan. 14, 1923. Richard was killed in action in World War II. Dorothy Helen Twombly married Ernest Sinclair. They had three children. John Fogg Twombly III married Evelyn Whalley Nichal June 20, 1941. They had four children: Elizabeth Whalley, born Oct. 2, 1942; Charlotte Helen, born July 4, 1944; John Fogg Twombly IV, born July 15, 1948; Ellen Ann Twombly, born May 12, 1952. Elizabeth Whalley Twombly married Harry Coleman Redd III Nov. 10, 1961. They have three children: James McLaughlin Redd, born April 3, 1963; Catherine Rose Redd, born April 30, 1964; Robert Kent Redd, born Oct. 12, 1969.

Charlotte Helen Twombly married Paul C. Lim Mar. 27, 1977. Their daughter, Laura Wei Mein Lim was born July 28, 1978.

Frank Bowen Spade was an associate of the Spade groceries in Portland. Frank Bowen Spade married Maude Losier April 11, 1910. They had four children: Robert Jacob Losier Spade, born June 1, 1910; Jacob Miller Spade II, born Jan. 21, 1915; Olive Jane, born June 23, 1919, died April 1923; Mary Ruth, born Oct. 10, 1921.

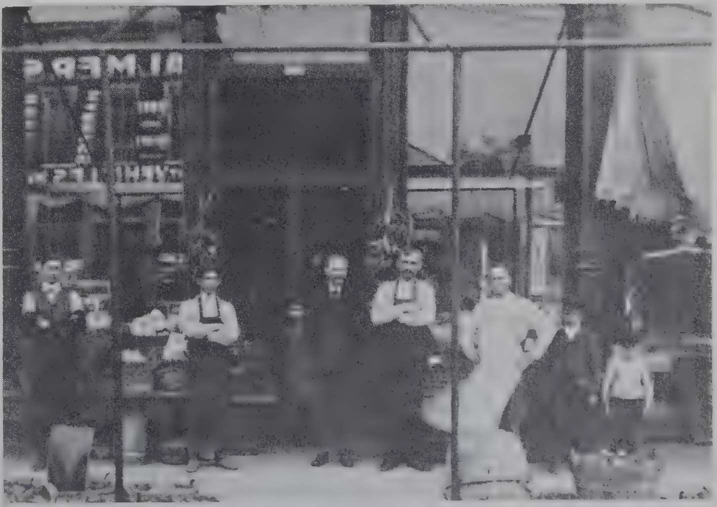
Robert Jacob Losier Spade married Blanch Elizabeth Dillon May 7, 1936. They have three children: Jeanne Ann, born July 3, 1938; Barbara Colleen, born Nov. 24, 1940; Paul Vincent, born Aug. 25, 1944. He is a professor of Philosophy in Indiana University and lives in Bloomington, Indiana.

Jeanne Anne Spade married James Person. They live in Shaumburg, Ill.

Barbara Collen Spade married David Shapiro. They have four children: Christopherr, Angela, Terry, and Aaron. They live in Mesa, Arizona.

Robert Jacob Losier Spade is retired after 41 years at Beldon Corporation in Engineering. His home is at 1266 Fellers Street, St. Charles, Ill.

Jacob Miller Spade II married Thelma Taleen Slick June 19, 1937. They have two children: Thomas David, born Nov. 18, 1940 and Susan Jane, born Nov. 23, 1945. Thomas David Spade married Diane Elaine Clements Sept. 3, 1961. They have three children, Deborah Leigh, born May 25, 1963; Thomas David Spade Jr., born March 3, 1966; and Kristin Lynn, born Jan. 27, 1971. Susan Jane Spade married John Halsey Barnard April 24, 1971. Mary Ruth Spade married Charles Callahan May 29, 1941. They have four children: David Michael Callahan, born June 21, 1943; Bonnie Lynn, born March 20, 1947; Christopher Lee, born July 21, 1952; and Elizabeth Ann, born Oct. 1, 1960. David Michael Callahan married Elizabeth Ann Schafer Apr. 26, 1968. They have two children: Patrick Michael, born Jan. 1, 1973 and Megan Mary, born April 4, 1975. Bonnie Lynn Callahan married David Platz Dec. 17, 1964. They have three children: Molly Lynn, born July 17, 1965; Mark Alan, born July 15, 1967, and Gregory Ryan, born May 23, 1978.



Third from right, J.M. Spade; second from right, Frank Spade; far right, E. Keith Spade. Spade' Grocery, located at 206 North Meridian Street, about 1900.

Christopher Lee Callahan married Diane Taylor Feb. 17, 1971. They have two children: Jessica Kathryn, born Feb. 2, 1976 and Peter Clifford, born Jan. 27, 1978.

Elizabeth Ann Callahan married James T. Wicks Aug. 30, 1980.

Ephraim Keith Spade married first Bessie M. Fay Aug. 1919, who died in 1925. His second marriage was to Margaret Wilson June 1927. They had one daughter, Suzanne Kathryn, born July 11, 1928. Suzanne Kathryn Spade married first Richard Max Joanning Feb. 4, 1951. They had three sons: Mark Keith, born March 28, 1952; Scott Richard, born Oct. 21, 1955; and Jeffery Robert, born July 20, 1960. Richard Max Joanning died Nov. 6, 1975. Suzanne Kathryn's second marriage was to Fredrick R. Frank Dec. 5, 1980. Mark Keith Joanning married Linda Clark Oct. 18, 1980. They have a daughter, Allison Elizabeth, b. 6-13-82.

Emily Josephine Spade married Vaughn Grayson Stanton June 1920. They had one daughter, Emily Jane, born April 25, 1921. Emily Jane Stanton married Herbert Diedrickson Sept. 2, 1940. They had two children: Lorenz Stanton Diedrickson, born May 27, 1941 and Janet Josephine, born March 19, 1943.

Lorenz Stanton Diedrickson married Marilyn Kieft Sept. 9, 1961. They have three children: Todd Laurence, born July 4, 1964; Lori Hope, born Dec. 9, 1967; and Pamela Sue, born Nov. 15, 1969. Janet Josephine Diedrickson married Thomas Schillace June 22, 1963. They have three children: Steven Vaughn, born May 23, 1964; Thomas Leo, born Sept. 26, 1965; and Leanne Marie, born Dec. 21, 1973.

Alsa Dorothy Spade married Ray C. Valentine Aug. 14, 1923. They had one son, James Austin Valentine, born June 1, 1926. James Austin Valentine married Phylis Bloomer Sept. 30, 1950. They had three daughters: Karen Ann, born June 19, 1956, died Aug. 1963; Lisa Ann, born April 4, 1959; and Heather Ann, born April 30, 1964. *Submitted by Nilah Spade Hummel.*

Charles O. Spahr Family

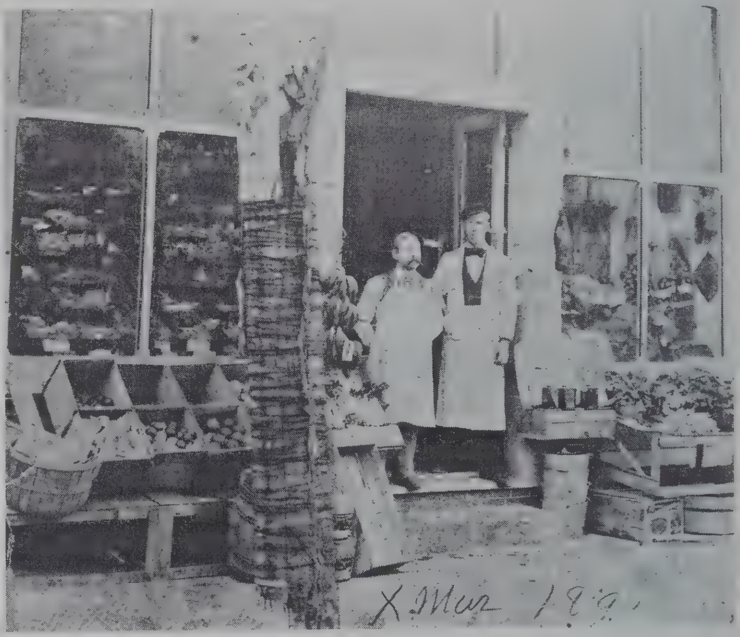
Charles O. Spahr was born in Jamestown, Ohio in 1858. He was the son of Dr. B.D. and Lavina Reed Spahr. Lavina Spahr was the first woman to become a teacher in the Jamestown schools. Charles entered medical school, but gave it up for a position as a railway mail clerk. After working for a while at that job, he came to Portland in the latter eighties. He opened and operated a grocery store located at 212 N. Meridian St. He later sold the store and became a salesman for the E.C. Harley Co. of Dayton, Ohio wholesale grocers.

Mr. Spahr married Caddie Estella Wall of Portland in 1891. Caddie was the daughter of James and Mary Wall. A sister became Mrs. C.C. Cartwright, the mother of the well-known Earl Cartwright. Caddie was a graduate of the old Portland Normal School. She also, attended the music conservatory in Cincinatti, Ohio. She was a beautiful singer. She had one brother, Ed Wall. He died in 1935.

The Charles Spahr's built their new home in 1892. This house is located at 315 E. High St. Mike, their son, was born there and still lives in this house, although it has been remodeled some in recent years.

Charles and Caddie had three children: Leon, LaDrew, and Mike. Leon was born in 1892, LaDrew in 1894 and Mike in 1905.

Charles O. Spahr, age 85 and Rosalie, age 2



Spahr Grocery, 1892

Charles Spahr

LaDrew was married and lived in Indianapolis, Ind. He was a coal broker. They had one son, Charles F. Spahr. Charles married and had a daughter, Phyllis. Charles died in 1975 of a heart attack. His daughter and widow live in Cincinatti, Ohio. LaDrew and his wife died in 1941. They are both buried in Crown Hill, Indianapolis, Ind.

Leon was married, and was a salesman. They lived in Alexandria, Ind. Leon died of a heart attack in 1967. He is buried in Green Park Cemetery in Portland, Ind. *Submitted by Mike Spahr.*

Spahr

James Glover Spahr was born June 11, 1925. His parents were Oliver L. and Anna (Resur) Spahr, Greene Twp. Aug. 14, 1949, Jim married Norma Lucille Ridgeway. Her parents, Artie E. and Charity Ivy (Whitmore) Ridgeway, had moved to Pike Twp., Jay Co. from Noblesville, Ind. in 1946. Prior to marriage, Norma worked at the Haynes Milling Co.

The time of their marriage was marked with a polio epidemic. Therefore, the wedding was held in the front yard of Norma's parents, with guests being seated on the porch which was on two sides of the house. The big brick house had been identified as the "old Isaac Lyons place". Jim farmed until Dec. 1970 when they went into business selling plumbing, electrical and heating supplies thru Spahr Distributing Co.

Jim and Norma started housekeeping the house "Ollie" (Oliver) Spahr had built in 1915 and are still living at the same location (Rd. 87), married 32 years at this writing. Jim's parents moved 1½ miles from the home place on Rd. 120.

Sally Lu was born July 17, 1952. She graduated from Portland H.S., received her B.A. and M.A. from Ball State University. She taught at Geneva and then Portland East Jay Jr. High School. She married Paul N. Detwiler, an architect student at Ball State, March 23, 1974. They are residing in Greene Twp.

Roger Glover was born Nov. 12, 1954. After graduating from Portland H.S. and Ball State University with a premed major, he took a years training at Ball Hospital, Muncie and was licensed as a medical technician. He worked at Ball Hospital, and later at Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis prior to entering I.U. Medical School in Aug. 1979. Roger married Michelle Whiteman on May 27, 1978 and they moved to Indianapolis. She graduated from I.U. law school in May 1981. *Submitted by Norma Spahr.*

Mike Spahr Family

Mike is a graduate of Wabash College with a B.A. degree, and he has an M.A. degree from Ball State Teachers College. He taught for several years in Portland and Jay county schools. He was elected in 1960 and served on the Portland City Council for two years. He resigned for health reasons.

Mike married Olive C. Stuckey in 1936. Olive graduated from the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Ft. Wayne. She has been a nurse at the Jay County Hospital until her retirement. She and Mike were parents of one daughter, Rosalie. Rosalie is a graduate of Ball State College, majoring in elementary education. She was married in 1967 to Larry Roberts, and they had a daughter, Loralie. Larry and Rosalie are divorced, and she has since married Ron Alexander. They live in Lebanon, Ind. where Rosalie is now teaching, and Ron is in the real estate business. At this time, Loralie is a student in the sixth grade in Lebanon.

Both Mike and Olive have retired; Mike from teaching in 1971 and Olive from nursing in 1974. They still reside in the family homestead at 315 E. High St.

Charles O. Spahr lived with Mike and Olive after he retired, until his death in 1952 at the age of 94. Caddie died in 1917, and they are both buried at Green Park Cemetery in Portland, Indiana. *Submitted by Mike Spahr.*

The Donald Lee Spencer Family

Don Spencer and his wife, Jane Ann, are life-long residents of Jay County. Don was born in Portland on December 14, 1943, the son of J. Paul and Nadine (Williamson) Spencer. He graduated from Portland High School in 1961 and went on to earn a Bachelors and Masters Degree in business education from Ball State University in 1965 and 1967. He was a business teacher at Wabash High School, Wabash, Indiana from 1965 to 1970, at which time he was selected by the Department of Defense to teach at Johnson High School in Tokyo, Japan, where he served for two years. During the winter of 1972, the need arose for Don to return to Portland and for him to then pursue a career as a licensed funeral director with the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, a firm established by his grandfather, Nelson R. Williamson. The firm at that time was owned by Don's father and his uncle, Darwin J. Williamson. Darwin died January 26, 1972, and thus came about the need for Don to return to Portland and enter the family business. Don worked as a funeral director in the firm for the following eight years and on July 1, 1981 he purchased the firm in its entirity.

Jane Ann (Pratt) Spencer was born August 12, 1945, the daughter of Floyd and Mary Belle (Wyrick) Pratt. Floyd Pratt is a native of Randolph County having been born in Saratoga, Indiana on September 3, 1915, the son of William and Bessie (Long) Pratt. Mary Belle Pratt was born in Greene Township, Jay County, Indiana on January 22, 1912, the daughter of Jesse and Alta (Spahr) Wyrick. (Mary Belle Pratt's family history may be traced through the story of her grandfather, M.H. Spahr, as printed in Milton Jay's Jay County History of 1922.) Jane graduated from Portland High School in 1963 and earned a Bachelors and Masters Degree in elementary education from Ball State University

The Donald Spencer family, 1981

in 1967 and 1971. She returned to Portland and became an elementary school teacher at the General Shanks Elementary School, where she has taught for 15 years.

The Spencers were married on June 24, 1978 and took up residence in a nineteenth century style home at 223 W. High Street in Portland. Don and Jane are both admirers of the older style of home and the furnishings that go with it. They are the parents of one child, Nathaniel Wyatt Spencer.

The Spencers are members of the Asbury United Methodist Church where Mrs. Spencer is active in the Wesleyan Circle. She was a past district officer of the United Methodist Women of the Muncie District. They are members the Portland Chapter 91, Order of Eastern Star, and chapter members of the Jay County March of Dimes. Mrs. Spencer is a member and past president of Psi Iota Xi Sorority and past president of the Portland Business and Professional Women's Club.

Don Spencer's affiliations include Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons 87 of Portland, Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Temple Shrine of Fort Wayne, Portland Elks Club, Portland Moose Lodge, Portland Country Club, and the board of directors of the Jay County Red Cross. He is a member and past president of the Portland Optimist Club, member and past president of the Portland Jaycees, and a member and past district president of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association. He was awarded the Portland Distinguished Service Award by the Portland Jaycees in 1974 and received the Optimist of the Year award in 1975. He was selected for inclusion in the 1977 edition of outstanding Young Men of America.

The J. Paul Spencer Family

J. Paul Spencer, Portland funeral director for over fifty years, was born on a farm southeast of Bryant, Indiana, in Bearcreek Township, on June 10, 1906, the son of Fernando D. and Nellie (Hiatt) Spencer. He was but four years of age when his parents and his four brothers, Ernest, Fred, Carl, and Harold, and his sister, Iris, moved to Portland. He attended Portland schools and after being graduated from Portland High School in 1926, he attended Mortuary College in Indianapolis. In 1931 he affiliated with Williamson Funeral Home in Portland and in 1947 became co-owner of the firm.

In August of 1933, Mr. Spencer was married to Nadine Williamson, daughter of Nelson R. and Gertie V. (McBride) Williamson. Nadine was born in Portland on February 27, 1908. She attended Portland schools and was graduated from Portland High School in 1926. She went on to graduate from Ball State Teachers College in 1929 and started teaching third grade that fall at Judge Haynes School in Portland. She taught there for the four years before her marriage. She returned to teaching in 1956 and taught first grade at Madison for 14 years until her retirement.

Paul and Nadine are the parents of three children: P. Allan, Kay, and Don. P. Allan is now serving as assistant superintendent of Centerville, Indiana School System, and is the father of three sons. Kay is the wife of Edward Williams and they live just south of Portland on Highway 27. They have a son and a daughter. Don, the present owner of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, is married and living in Portland and has one son.

Paul and Nadine Spencer

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are members of the Portland Asbury United Methodist Church, in which they take an active part. Mrs. Spencer is very active in the Wesleyan Circle of the church. She helped to organize this group of ladies within the church and served as the first president of the group. She is also a member of the Retired Teachers Organization of Jay County. They are both members of the Portland Chapter 91, Order of Eastern Star and of the White Shrine of Portland.

Paul Spencer is a member of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons 87 of Portland, Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Temple Shrine of Fort Wayne, Portland Moose Lodge, Eagles Lodge of Portland, charter member and past president of the Portland Lions Club, member and past district president of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association, a 50 year member and life member of the Knights of Pythias of Portland, and a life member of the Junior Order. Mr. Spencer received his 50 year pin for his service in the funeral home from the Indiana State Funeral Directors Association in May 1981.

Paul Spencer is now semi-retired and he and his wife live at 144 N. Charles Street in the west ent of Portland. Their home is built on the land that was previously owned by Mr. Spencer's father.

Jacob Starr

Jacob Starr was born in Berksly Co., West Virginia Mar. 17, 1813. His parents died when he was three and he was raised by an uncle, Abraham Starr, in Greene Co., Ohio, near Xenia. The Starr's were known as Pennsylvania Dutch. In 1836 he rode horseback to Ind. and homesteaded 160 acres of land near Blaine in Greene Twp. for $1.25 an acre.

On Dec. 28, 1843 he married Angeline Coke Wright. She was born in Greene Co., Ohio Apr. 1, 1824, the daughter of Merritt Wright, a soldier in the war of 1812. She had four brothers and three sisters, one a minister, Perry Wright, in Bluffton, Ind.

Jacob and Angeline moved to their farm six miles SW of Portland near Blaine in 1847. They were the parents of six children. Julia, born in Greene Co., Ohio Oct. 12, 1844, married Lewis Stratton. They were the parents of Charles and Silas Stratton. A son, Charles, was born in Greene Co., Ohio July 21, 1846. He married Sally Bair. They were the parents of Walter and Bessie. A son, John, was born in Jay Co. Oct. 20, 1849. He married Sarah E. Spahr. Their children were: Cora, William and Leslie. After her death he married Catherine Rosenbery. Their children were: Forrest, Iris Starr Bird, Edith Starr West and Herbert. A son, Thomas, born in Jay Co. June 23, 1852 was never married. A daughter Addeline was born Oct. 29, 1854. She married Jehu Hiatt. Their children were: Molly, married Charles L. Lornton; Luther, married Nora Shultz; Bertha, married Charles Myers; Walter, married Blanche Thornburg; Chester, married Ola Banta; Clarence, married Inez Barnett; Roy, married Iva Banta; and Howard, married Bertha Lawson. Their youngest child, Sally, born Jan. 18, 1859, married Joel Kinsey. Their children were Homer and Dale. Several descendants of Jacob and Angeline Coke Wright Starr still live in Jay Co. *Submitted by Bud Starr.*

Starr

Marjorie Kathern Gross Starr was born December 10, 1915, to the union of Clyde Seiber and Vadia Tharp Gross. She is a graduate of Portland High School and attended International Business College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mrs. Starr is a member of the Methodist Church, Daughters of The American Revolution, Daughters of the Colonists, Eastern Star, Order of White Shrine, and Portland Garden Club.

Marjorie Starr was born in Jay County, Pike Township, east of Bluff Point, Indiana. There were two brothers: Chalmer M., b. May 1, 1914, currently living in Hayesville, North Carolina, married to Alice Doreen Fisher, and John Seiber b. August 5, 1923, d. November 10, 1978. John Seiber lived in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, with his wife Genevieve Zuromski.

While Marjorie always lived in Jay County, her forebearer Thomas Bye, accompanied by his son John, came to America from England on the ship "Canterbury" with William Penn. They arrived in Chester, Pennsylvania, on December 1, 1699. Margaret Davis Bye and children rejoined them in Buckingham Township, Pa., in 1701. The Byes operated 1200 acres there for generations. Joseph Reading Bye, a great, great grandson of Thomas, brought his wife and twelve children to Jay County, Indiana, in 1839.

Emily Jane, daughter of Joseph Reading and Sarah Bye, produced a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth (June 12, 1861-October 5, 1945), with her first husband, William C. Darby. Sarah Elizabeth married John Albert Gross (June 8, 1857-February 16, 1938) on December 24, 1884. Both are buried in Zoar Cemetery as is Emily Jane Darby Pierce. John Albert Gross, born in Philadelphia, was the son of John Gross and Kathern Seiber. Kathern Seiber (October 8, 1836-October 28, 1912) was born in Baden, Germany, and immigrated to America at age fourteen. She married John Gross in Philadelphia, Pa.. Kathern is buried in Zoar Cemetery. John Gross died March 19, 1858, and is buried at Cincinnati, Ohio.

John Albert and Sarah Elizabeth had three children: Walter, Myrtle, and Clyde Seiber. Clyde Seiber, b. February 27, 1888, d. December 10, 1966, married Vadia T. Tharp, b. January 16, 1895, d. December 7, 1978, on February 8, 1913. Both are buried in Green Park Cemetery in Jay County.

Vadia T. Tharp Gross, mother of Marjorie, was the daughter of William Albert, b. June 5, 1864, d. November 9, 1898 and Angeline Shoemaker Tharp (October 20, 1870-February 25, 1948). William and Angeline were married December 29, 1885. William Albert was the son of John (April 20, 1820-October 20, 1898) and Mary Webster Tharp (December 5, 1826-October 22, 1896) who married on April 12, 1840 in Marietta, Ohio. John Tharp purchased land in Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana, about 1840 and moved his family from Ohio.

Marjorie Kathern Gross married John Lewis Woodrow Starr on August 9, 1936. Lewis, b. September 9, 1914, d. September 26, 1975, was the eldest son of Sylvester and Ida Reaver Starr. He was employed at Naas Foods as Secretary. Lewis Starr also farmed 118 acres in Greene Township, Jay County. He was laid to rest in Green Park Cemetery. Lewis and Marjorie had one son, Norman J. (May 7, 1942-). *Submitted by Mrs. Marjorie Starr.*

Norman J. Starr

Norman J. Starr (May 7, 1942-), born in Portland, Indiana, is the son of Marjorie Kathern Gross and Lewis Starr. He is a graduate of Portland High School, Wabash College, and Indiana University School of Medicine. Norman did his intership at Latter-day Saints Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Anesthesiology Residency at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York City, N.Y.. For two years he served in the United States Naval Medical Corps. as Lt. Commander, stationed at Charleston, South Carolina.

After being on the faculty of New York University for five years as an assistant professor, Dr. Starr moved to the Cleveland Clinic in 1979, as a Cardiothoracic Anesthesiologist and Director of Residents Training Program. In addition, Norman maintains a successful purebred beef cattle farm at Portland, Indiana.

On June 13, 1981 Norman J. Starr married Laurie Faith Eisenstein, b. June 26, 1956 of Brooklyn, New York. They currently reside in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. *Submitted by Mrs. Marjorie Starr.*

Ernest Leroy Steed

Ernest Leroy Steed was born July 5, 1895, on a farm in Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana, son of Elmer R. and Ella Jane (Creamer) Steed, had one sister Hattie Leah (Steed) Lawson. Went to grade school Zoar, in Pike Township, then to Portland High School, also attended college at Indiana State Normal at Tere Haute, Indiana, receiving a license to teach.

On October 5, 1917, inducted into service at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, for training, then transferred to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, into the 113th Signal Corp, the 38th Division, then to Camp Mills, New York, from there to France. After the signing of the Armistice, he returned to the states, discharged from Service on May 23, 1919.

Upon returning home, I assisted my father in farming, and November 15, 1919, married Treva C. Lee, daughter of Wilson and Augusta Lee. I began farming in Jefferson

Ernest Steed

Township, Jay County, then moved to a farm two miles west of Salamonia, Indiana.

A daughter, Patricia Ann, was born September 2, 1940, wife of Henry Arthur Wedmore, Muncie, Indiana.

After farming for seven years and raising chickens, I accepted a position in the office of the Jay Circuit Court, served eight years as Deputy Clerk, then elected Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court for eight years.

We were members of the Salamonia Christian Church, upon moving to Portland, we transferred our membership to the West Walnut Church of Christ, Portland, Indiana. Served as an elder for 50 years, chairman of the Church Board for 18 years. Member of a group that organized the Kum-Join-Us Class of the Bible School. A member of the Men's Fellowship Group of Eastern Indiana Christian Churchs, also secretary of that group.

A 50-year member of Jay Lodge 87 F. & A.M. Portland, Indiana, Master of the Lodge in 1936, and served as secretary for three years. A member of Jay Chapter Royal Arch Masons, No. 107, High Priest, in 1937, and served as secretary for 16 years, for this group.

Member of the Past Masters of Jay Lodge No. 87 F. & A.M., also a member of the Actual Past Masters of Jay County, Indiana.

Member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Member of the Portland Kiwanis Club, president of the club in 1935. Served as club secretary for 18 years.

I have been engaged as an accountant and preparing Federal and State income tax returns, for forty years. *Submitted by Ernest Steed*

Steed

Lola Montez Judy, the youngest child of nine children, was born June 2, 1886 in Pike Township near Point Bluff, Jay County to Godfrey and Mary Ann Brindle Judy. Her parents died when she was quite young.

She married Newton Jacob Steed October 30, 1902 in Jay County, Indiana. They were the parents of two children Hazel Marie and De Etta Mae. The family moved to Muncie, Indiana when the girls were children.

The second marriage of Lola Judy Steed was to Henry Pritchett. There were no children by this marriage.

Lola Pritchett died April 28, 1940 in Muncie, Indiana and is buried in the Elm Ridge Cemetery.

Hazel Marie was born September 9, 1903 and died November 7, 1961. She married Len Curtis Ripley who died in 1955. They were the parents of two sons.

De Etta Mae Steed was born March 30, 1907 in Jay County, Indiana. She was educated in the Muncie School System. De Etta was employed at the Ball Corporation and at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company prior to her retirement in Muncie. She married Joseph Coffman but there were no children.

De Etta loved to go to the country to visit her Uncle Hen so she could go fishing in the gravel pit on his farm in Ward Township, Randolph County, Indiana. Then she would go visit Uncle Forest Judy so she could try to beat him in a game of croquet.

De Etta died Oct. 18, 1980 at the age of 73 years. Interment was in Elm Ridge Cemetery near her mother Lola Judy Pritchett.

The Carl Stein Family

John V. Stein was born in Hessen Darmst Germany. He and his wife (the former Mary V. Geiger also born in Germany) came to the U.S. and settled in Butler County near Hamilton, Ohio. John and Mary both died in 1876 leaving seven children orphans. George V. was their second and was nine years old at the time. In 1885 he married Maria Magdalena Baumann and lived on a farm in Butler County also. They had two children here, with Carl being second and born April 23, 1888. George came to Mercer County Ohio and after clearing a spot built a log house which he moved his family into in 1889. They had ten children in all.

Carl married Clara Olvina, daughter of Solomon David and Margaret (Luttman) Fennig February 10, 1912. They lived on a farm in Mercer County, Ohio for a time and later moved in Ft. Recovery where Carl owned and operated a garage and automobile agency. They later sold the agency, and bought and moved onto a 40-acre farm in Jackson Township in Jay County which he farmed. He also operated a route gathering cream for Schlosser Bros. They later

Carl and Clara Stein

rented the farm and moved to Winchester, Ind. where he ran routes gathering and operated a cream testing station. While in Winchester they traded the 40-acre farm for an 80-acre farm three miles north and three and one forth miles east of Portland on the Wayne-Bearcreek Township line, and on the Wayne Township side known as the Anderson Hanlin farm. They moved to this farm in 1923 where he farmed and gathered cream for a few years until he started farming full time.

In the years that followed they purchased the Charles Hanlin 90-acre farm, the 80-acre Schwartz farm, the 120-acre Fred Freemyer farm, the 40-acre Schell farm which joined the back of the Charles Hanlin farm, the 120-acre Wilhelm farm and a 113-acre Smith farm in Pike Township. They also bought, rented, and sold several properties in Portland and Muncie.

There were seven children born to this union with two dying in infancy. The five living are Russell who married Erma, daughter of David and Ora Grile Fudge and now live in Portland; Berniece who married Herbert, son of Willis and Rosa Cook Bye and also live in Portland; Marvin who married Ruth, adopted daughter of Earl and Nora Roach Hartzell, and lived in Kokomo, Ind.; Glen who married Naomi, daughter of Kenneth and Golda James Metzner and lives in Peachtree City, Ga.; and Keith who married Joan, daughter of Irvin and Lillie Hiestand Campbell and live on the Wilhelm farm near Portland.

Clara died September 14, 1947 and Carl later married June Hines Arbaugh. Carl died May 8, 1967 and June died July 14, 1978 after being struck by an auto. *Submitted by Russell Stein.*

Russell Stein Family

Solomon Russell was the first of seven children born to Carl and Clara Fennig Stein, two dying in infancy. He was born in Mercer County, Ohio north of Ft. Recovery on October 17, 1912. On February 10, 1937 he married Erma, daughter of David and Ora Grile Fudge. They set up house keeping on his grandparents', Solomon David and Margaret (Luttman) Fennigs' farm near New Corydon, Ind. On July 9, 1938 their first child, Robert Leroy, was born. After living there three years and the Wabash River claiming 56 acres of the crop each year they moved to his fathers farm, just recently purchased from Fred Freemyer, in December 1939. Their second child, Carol Delee, was born August 13, 1942 and their third, Norman Russell, was born November 8, 1945. In May 1946 they purchased the 130 acre Ayers farm southwest of Portland near Collett in Pike Township and moved there the following December. Russell and Erma were both active in the Lutheran Church in Portland with Russell serving on the council different times, both being Luther League sponsers for a time and both teaching in the Sunday school. Russell was also a 4-H leader in Pike Township for nine years, assistant mail carrier on two rural routes out of Portland for several years, drove a school bus two years, worked in the milk plant for the Kroger Dairy for a time and later as a field man, then nine years in the stock room for Horizon Mobile Homes.

Emma and Russell Stein

Erma worked in the cafeteria at Gov. I.P. Gray School a few years until Russell retired from farming after their home burned in 1959. She then clerked in McLellans dime store for a time, then worked for the Modern Book Bindery for 13 years. She is presently working in the Jay County Hospital as a clerk for the Chaplains' Association.

Robert went to the Hanlin Wayne Township one-room school his first two years where his father had gone. After moving to Pike Township he went to Gov. I.P. Gray and graduated in 1956. After taking electrical training at Coyne Electric School in Chicago and technical electronics in Valparaiso, Ind. he went to work for I.B.M. He married Ann, daughter of Howard and Lula Pratt Olson and has three children: Melvin, Bevan, and Annamarie.

Carol went to Gray her first eight years and to Portland for high school where she was cheerleader and played in the school band. She graduated from Miami Jacobs in Dayton as a secretary and married James, son of Morgan and Ruby Freeman Whittington, who is a contractor and they have two children, Carmen and Caren.

Norman went to Gray for his first eight years then to Portland for high school. He attended International Business College in Ft. Wayne and is now heat salesman for a rubber lining company. He married Jane, daughter of Ivan and Lucille Haviland Wood and they have two children, Terry and Kristin. *Submitted by Russell Stein.*

Arthur Stevenson

The Stevenson family came to the United States from Ireland in the early 1800's. Thomas Arthur Stevenson 1871-1953 was one of five children born to Phoebe 1844-1913 and Robert B. Stevenson 1845-1893. He married Lulu Hall 1872-1952, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John W. Hall. Dr. Hall was a pioneer doctor in Jay and Randolph counties.

Thomas Arthur and Phoebe had five children: Harry, Robert, John Arthur, Cleo, and Wilbur.

Harry 1893-1941, married Mary Helen Robbins (1896-19__). She is now living at 134 East High Street, Portland. They had one son, William (1918-1973), who married Montez Whipple. William and Montez had one daughter, Susie, born in 1948, who married Mike Sterner, born in 1939. Susie and Mike have two children, Lynn, born in 1966 and Michael, born in 1975.

Thomas Arthur and Phoebe Stevenson, 1949

Robert 1898-1968, married Leora Beals 1899-1939. They had one son, Robert 1920-1956. Robert Sr. served in World War I, and both father and son served in World War II. Robert Sr. and Leora had one daughter, Marjorie Alice, born in 1922, who married Dale Ehrhart, born in 1918. Their daughter, Sharon Kay, born in 1945, married James L. Hughes, born in 1944. Sharon and James have a daughter, Robin Renee, born in 1969, and one son, James Dale, born in 1973. Marjorie and Dale also had one son, Rex E. Ehrhart, born in 1954, who married Brenda Whitacre, born in 1955. Rex and Brenda have one son, Nathan Ryan, born in 1981.

John Arthur 1904-1952, married Lillian Slatery 1904-1951. To this family were born five children: Lucy Ann, Gloria Mae, Sally Sue, Renata Jean, and John. Lucy Ann, born in 1928, married Warren Johnson, born in 1920. They have two children: Janice Kay, born in 1957 and David Allen, born in 1959. Janice Kay married Jeff Stagg. They have one child, Jennifer, born in 1980. Gloria Mae Stevenson (1930-1970) married Thomas Wagle. They had four children: Patricia, Susan, Stephanie, and Annette. Sally Sue Stevenson, born in 1934, married John Ray, born in 1936. Their daughter, Paula, born in 1960, married Tom Freije, born in 1958. Paula and Tom have one child, Michelle, born in 1980. Sally Sue and John also had a son, Michael Ray, born in 1962.

Renata Jean, born in 1936, married Robert Kean, born in 1935. They had two children: Debora Jean, born in 1957, who married Kenneth Holmes, born in 1953; and Robert Junior. Deborah Jean and Kenneth Holmes have two children: Michele Foutch, born in 1976 and Max Holmes, born in 1978.

John Stevenson, born in 1942, married Denise Crusenburry. They have no children.

Cleo W. Stevenson was born in 1896, the child of Thomas A. and Lulu Hall Stevenson, and died as an infant in 1897.

The last child of Thomas and Lulu was Wilbur A., who was born in 1909 and died in 1974. He served in the Air Transport Command in Africa in World War II. He married Helen B. Shimp, born in 1905; they had no children.

All the Stevensons were active in Masonry, the Presbyterian Church, the Republican Party, and other community affairs. *Submitted by Helen Stevenson.*

The George Stolz Family

The George Stolz subject of this sketch is the George mentioned in the biographical account of his father Philip Stolz and family as recorded in the 1887 Jay County History. He was born June 28, 1849. He married Catherine E. Metzner, one of the eleven children of John and Catherine Young Metzner. (See John Metzner, page 585, in 1887 Jay County History.) They were the parents of one daughter, Nora May, born May 20, 1877. When Nora was in her teens, a baby, Mamie Orcutt, was taken and reared in their home; Mamie's mother, Catherine Stolz's sister Amanda having died. Mamie married Leslie Reed, moved with her family to New Mexico where she succumbed to tuberculosis.

Catherine and George worked hard at clearing land, farming, gardening, conserving food, and raising cows and chickens. By horse and buggy they delivered butter and eggs to special customers in Portland. It was while cutting timber that George had a severe injury, a fractured ankle and extensive flesh wounds. He resisted the recommended amputation, miraculously survived the prolonged treatment, but was lame thereafter. They moved from the inherited Stolz farm in Noble Township to one in Wayne Township that had newer and better buildings. This move required extra effort by the family and Nora worked in the County Treasurer's Office in the summer so that all of her teaching salary could be applied to the mortgage. Later they bought an adjoining 40 acres on which Nora and her family lived.

They were very active in the neighborhood Lutheran Church until it closed. Blessings were said at the table, daily Bible reading and family worship practiced. Bible verses and maxims often quoted by Catherine influenced the children and grandchildren.

They had a firm belief in education. Nora not only graduated from eighth grade at the Metzner School but attended classes in the Portland and Muncie Normals. She taught seven terms before her marrige in 1903 to Calvin D. Bergman. Her continued interest in school curriculum through the schooling of her children enabled her to teach at Westchester, Bearcreek Township during World War I when there was a shortage of teachers. The emphasis on education followed the next generation as both of Nora's daughters, Erma Bergman Reid and Gay Bergman Badders, before bus service attended Portland High School, a distance of seven miles. They graduated from Ball State University and Erma has a Master's Degree in mathematics from the University of Michigan.

George Stolz took an interest in the Jay County Fair Association and served there as Superintendent of Agriculture for many years. Before his death in 1943 he was said to be the oldest man living in Jay County. His wife preceded him in death by six months and both are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery. *Submitted by Gay Badders.*

Stephen Straley

Stephen Straley, born 11-8-1840; died 9-29-1904,married Nancy Jane Freemyer, born 11-10-1845, on May 22, 1871. Mr. Straley had previously been married to Mary E. Green and they had two sons, Lawrence and Clarence.

Stephen was a native of Trumbull County, Ohio and was a son of Geroge and Lydia Truesdell Straley. When 14 years of age he came with his family to Jay County. Later he enlisted in the Civil War (9-21-1861) in Co. B, 34th Indiana Infantry. At Champion Hills he was injured by a minnie ball which he carried the remainder of his life. He was discharged Feb. 20, 1866 and then located on a farm five miles northeast of Portland in Bearcreek Township where he built a large brick house and cleared the remainder of the land.

A history of the parents of Nancy Jane Freemyer Straley, Joseph L. and Mary Elder Freemyer, along with a family picture can be found elsewhere in this book.

To the union of Stephen and Nancy Jane Freemyer Straley, two sons were born, Charles F. and Joseph Walter.

Charles F. Straley, born 8-8-1972, died 12-15-1935, married Anna May Fredricka Martzloff, born 4-28-1880, died 10-3-1955, on Nov. 28, 1900. they had no children.

Joseph Walter Straley, born 10-23-1884, died 11-28-1958, married Rebecca Ellen "Ella" Hartzell, born 12-17-1889, died 6-10-1949, on April 22, 1911. They lived their entire lives on the farm where he was born, five miles northeast of Portland. To this union three children were born: Susan, Stephen and Frances.

Susan Jane, born 11-6-1911, married Doyt Randall Whiteman, born 3-1-1912, on Dec. 21, 1936. They have four children: Nancy Joan Whiteman, born 2-13-1938. Also, Martha Joyce Whiteman, born 7-17-1939, who married Jerry Dale Spencer, born 8-18-1940, and their two children are Jay Dee Spencer and Todd Allen Spencer. Joseph Miles Whiteman, born 11-6-1940, married Stella Ann Jordan, born Jan. 12, 1944, on June 4, 1967, and they have a son, James Joseph Whiteman. Sara Jane Whiteman, born Aug. 9, 1946, married Max Edwin Stackhouse, born June 5, 1945, on June 26, 1966, and they have Julie Kristin Stackhouse and Michael Brandon Stackhouse.

Stephen Lawrence Straley, born Sept. 19, 1914, died Sept. 15, 1953, married Anna Mae Siders, born April 24, 1919, on March 24, 1936 and they had three children: Larry, Ronald and Janice. Larry Leon Straley, born 12-24-1936, married Margaret Ann Moore, born June 18, 1943, on Aug. 20, 1960 and they have Elizabeth Ann Straley and Mary Kathryn Straley. Ronald Lee Straley, born Dec. 15, 1937, married Mary Elizabeth Clouse, born Oct. 25, 1940, in January 1960 and they have children, Stephen Michael Straley and Phyllis Elizabeth Straley, died in infancy. Janice Elaine Straley, born July 7, 1939, married Harold James Wilson, born Feb. 19, 1937, on May 14, 1960 and their children are Teresa Renee Wilson and Terry James Wilson.

Frances Vera Straley, born Mar. 24, 1924, married Thurlow Aldophus Huey, born July 14, 1924, died Sept. 13, 1978, on April 18, 1946. They have Rebecca Sue Huey, born Jan. 8, 1948, married Ernest Martin Fifer, born Feb. 14, 1948, on April 5, 1969, and they have children, Spencer Clinton Fifer, died folowing birth and Ernest Martin Fifer II. Son, Keith Thurlow Huey, born Sept. 13, 1949, married Charlene Ella Harris and they have Eric Keith Huey, Aaron Keith Huey and Tamara Michelle Huey.

James W. Stuart Family

James William Stuart, 4-5-1875 to 6-19-1919, was born in Jay County, the son of Perry, born 9-10-1832 and Elizabeth Caster Stuart, 9-10-1832 to 5-8-1909. He had four brothers and four sisters. Sisters: Sara Catherine, mother of Orla J. Journay; Charlott M., mother of Claude Clark; Margaret, died age two years and Rebecca. Brothers: Charles Alvey, father of Esther Lee, Dawn Mays, Helen Mills, Mamie Morehous; James W., subject; Henry and Harry.

His paternal grandparents were John and Margaret (Carr) Stuart natives of Coshocton County, Pennsylvania, who migrated to Jay County in 1849.

On December 25, 1897 James married Catherine Rebecca Elliott, 1-20-1877 to 11-26-1970, daughter of Seth and Rachael Addington Elliott, of Green Twp.. They located on the first farm West of the Fairview Church in Wayne Township. They later moved to Greene Twp. To this union was born seven children:

Amy Glenn Stewart, born Nov. 13, 1898, married Raymond Huey Oct. 14, 1916, died March 9, 1928. They had four daughters: Doris, Wilma, Leah Margaret, and Betty Joan.

John Riley Stewart, born Sept. 6, 1901 and married Lena Fisher of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Sept. 1, 1923. they had two children, Robert and Catherine.

Charles William Stewart, born Oct. 25, 1903. He married Leah Banta of Geneva, Adams Co. on Feb. 29, 1928. Charles died Dec. 7, 1968. They had one son, William.

Mabel Dean Stewart, born April 8, 1907, married Fredrick D. Striker, of Geneva, Adams County April 25, 1926. They had three daughters: Gloria, Karen, Mara Dee.

Perry LeRoy Stewart, born Sept. 24, 1909, married to Barbara Darr, Rochester Indiana, Fulton County.

Ruth Margaret Stewart, born July 25, 1914, married James Van Skyock Sept. 15, 1934. They had two daughters, Janet and Judy.

James Garth Stewart, born Nov. 19, 1917, married Madge Gaumer. They had two children, James and Rebecca.

Oren Stucky Family

Oren Stucky, only son of Levi, 1880-1955, and Minerva Mae Flory Stucky, 1885-1954, was born February 28, 1908, in Hartford Township, Adams County, Indiana. In 1930, he married Flora Isabelle Wolfe and moved to Portland.

An upholsterer by trade, he opened the Stucky Upholstering Shop in 1934 at his home on East Main Street. He and Wm. Adney formed the Adney and Stucky Upholstering shop in 1949. This partnership was dissolved in May 1966 at Oren's death.

Oren's wife, Flora Isabelle Wolfe, 1908-, youngest daughter of Curtis Wolfe, 1871-1932, and Mary Permelia Sadler Wolfe (1878-1963) was born in Portland. Flora was employed by the Jay Garment Co. where she worked until her retirement in 1973.

Oren and Flora raised and educated one daughter, Janice Sue 1942-. Janice is currently a teacher in the Jay School Corporation. *Submitted by Janice Stucky.*

Peter Stults

Peter Stults, the son of John and Susannah Overmier Stults, was born January 24, 1842. He was born and reared on the old homestead in Jackson Township, Jay County. Peter's great grandfather was a native of Germany. His parents came to Jay County from Sandusky County, Ohio, in 1837, locating on unimproved land where they built a log cabin. The family passed through many trials and hardships of pioneer life. As a youth, Peter assisted with the farm work. His education was received in common schools of the neighborhood and Liber College.

He was married September 3, 1862, to Sarah Ann Wilson, a native of Henry County, Indiana, who was born to John H. and Sarah Stevenson Wilson on May 16, 1842. Her father was a native of Scotland, born in the vicinity of Glasgow.

Peter and Sarah were the parents of five children, one of which was Aurie Leora Stults Priest, born June 24, 1863. Other children were: Agnes Lillian, Clarence W., William Oren and Charles Alphonso.

Mr. Stults was a soldier in the Civil War, having enlisted May 9, 1864. He was assigned to Company C., 39th Indiana Infantry. His regiment later became the 8th Indiana Mounted Cavalry and was with General Sherman on his march to the sea. Upon termination of the war, he received an honorable discharge July 20, 1865, and returned to his home in Jay County. For about five or six years, starting in 1874, he settled in Liber where he was engaged in manufacturing tile. Returning to his farm in Jackson Township, he once again took up farming.

Peter always took much interest in the cause of education and made sure his children received an education, two of which were fitted as teachers. Politically, Peter affiliated with the Republican Party.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stults were members of the Pleasant Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church where he served as trustee and class leader.

Peter passed away June 23, 1934, at the ripe age of 92. He was laid to rest in the old Union Cemetery, Jackson Township, Jay County.

Peter and Sarah Ann Stults

Fred Sudhoff

In 1937 Fred Sudhoff and Mary H. Hartnagel were married in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Father Victor Wagner taking the vows. Fred was born in 1910, the son of William and Sophia (Meyer) Sudhoff of Washington Twp., Ohio. Mary H. was born in 1916, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Remaklus Hartnagel of Bearcreek Twp., Indiana.

In 1938 we moved to a 95-acre farm in section 3, Wabash Twp., owned by my father. It was a rather rundown farm, along the Wabash River, having a six-room house that was built in 1914, with no electricity or indoor plumbing. We started our farm life with a limited amount of used furniture, three horses for power, several cows and hogs and a few chickens. The house was heated by a woodburning stove in the living room, and a range in the kitchen on which the cooking was also done.

The housework and the work on the farm was hard, all being done by hand. We were happy, we had each other and a goal to raise a family and make our farm productive and our house a comfortable home in which to live. We separated the milk, took the cream to New Corydon to sell, and fed the skim milk to the pigs. The eggs and the chickens we raised were traded to the huckster for staples we could not raise on the farm. Money was scarce and we sold our first hogs for 5.95 cwt. Food was plentiful, provided by a large garden and by butchering hogs and a beef, used fresh in winter, cured and canned for summer.

In 1938 our daughter Elizabeth Ann was born.

Each year things improved. We bought a Sears washing machine run by a gas engine, also a used tractor to help with the farming.

In 1942 we bought the farm, and our son James was born. We then began to make improvements on our home and farm. Electricity which came in 1943 made indoor plumbing possible. A Farmall tractor replaced the old tractor and the horses. The combine and corn picker made life easier. A coal furnace in the basement and a gas range replaced the wood heating and cooking stoves.

We have been members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church since our marriage. Our children attended our church school, then went to high school at Bryant. In 1960 Elizabeth Ann married Ron Schindler of Coldwater, Ohio, where they now reside with their three children. In 1965 James and I built a new house on our farm for him and his bride Patricia Sanning. They moved into it that fall. They are the parents of three children.

We retired from farming in 1973 and are active in church and community. We have more time to travel and go camping with the grandchildren and our friends. My hobby is woodworking, Mary's is crafts. Jim farms our land and raises hogs, so the work we enjoyed goes on.

As we contemplate our 44 years of married life on this farm, we know we have had some very rough times, but with determination and our faith in God we overcame them. Now the good times seem to overshadow the bad. As we are getting ready for Christmas 1981, we feel our goal has been accomplished. Our retirement years have been good, and if it be God's will, we hope for quite a few more years on this Jay County farm. *Submitted by Fred and Mary H. Sudhoff.*

James Sudhoff

James Sudhoff was born at home on May 26, 1942, the second child and only son of Fred and Mary Hartnagel Sudhoff. He has one sister, Elizabeth Schindler of Coldwater, Ohio. James attended Holy Trinity School for eight years then on to Bryant High School.

He graduated from Bryant class of 1960. He farmed in partnership with his father and purchased 60 acres from him. During the Vietnam crisis, Jim joined the National Guard located at Portland.

On September 6, 1965, he married Patricia Sanning at Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater, Ohio. They were married on Labor Day to be sure all his friends could attend the wedding. All were in the guards and no one could miss a weekend meeting, because of a friends wedding. Pat is the daughter of Julius and Alfrieda Dorsten Sanning from Coldwater, Ohio, and born on August 6, 1944. Pat attended schools in Coldwater all 12 years and graduated with the class of 1962. During high school days she worked at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital and after graduation started at Reynolds and Reynolds, Celina, Ohio, as a file clerk then promoted to a drawer in the art department. She quit upon the birth of their first child.

After their marriage they moved in their new home which Jim and Fred had built themselves during the summer. Some relatives came and helped at times. The only hired help on the house was done by plasterers. We lived with his father and mother until we moved at Thanksgiving 1965. Also at this time Jim started at Karch Stone Co. of Bryant, Indiana to add additional income and is still there at present. In 1967 Jim and Pat purchased 40 acres from Peter Remaklus which lays beside the 60 acres in Bearcreek Township.

Jim and Pat's first child, William Ronald, was born January 22, 1967 at Jay County Hospital. During her stay the temperature outside was in the 60's and the next morning after coming home we had an ice storm. The electricity was out for several days. We and the baby moved in with Jim's parents until the electricity was restored. They had a coal furnace and gas range to cook on. Will attends Jay County High School and is a freshman.

Their second child, Daniel James, entered this world on December 26, 1969. He is now a sixth grader at Bloomfield Elementary.

Cynthia Marie was born December 23, 1979, at Jay County Hospital. She is now a lively little two year old.

Jim has now purchased the buildings and hog business from his father and rents the homeplace. He is in the midst of renovating and updating his hog operation having just built a new sow building and remodeling the farrowing house with hog crates etc. He has started this year working on the nursery.

The family attends Holy Trinity Church at Trinity, Indiana. They all liked to get away when possible and go camping together on weekends.

The families on both sides originally came from Germany and were mainly farmers. They, for the most part, came in the late 1800's and at the turn of the century. *Submitted by Jim and Pat Sudhoff.*

Mark Sullivan

Ruby D. Avey graduated from Polingtown High in 1941 and later attended Taylor University at Upland, Indiana where she met Mark C. Sullivan, of Lincoln, Nebr. they were married February 14, 1944. Mark and Ruby transferred to Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa and both received their B.A. degrees. They had one daughter and two sons. Patricia Eileen was born February 19, 1951 in Summit, New Jersey near where Mark was attending Drew Theological Seminary and earned his Master of Divinity Degree. On May 2, 1975, Patricia married Roger L. Thomson of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa where they now live. They are the parents of a daughter, Rachel Dee, born April 8, 1980.

The older son, Douglas Mark, born April 14, 1953 at Washington, Iowa, married Christine Sprinkle, of Palatine, Ill. on April 30, 1977. They have one son, James Matthew, born Sept. 19, 1980 and they live in Bloomington, Ill.

The younger son, Thomas Calvin, born in Des Moines on January 20, 1961, is a student at Iowa State College in Ames.

Ruby taught junior high school in Iowa. Rev. Mark and Ruby Sullivan have been members of the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church for the past 30 years. They now live in Boone, Iowa. (See Taylor Avey family.)

John Taylor Family

John Taylor was born April 5, 1889 on a farm located on State Rd., 1½ miles west of Hwy. 1. John's grandfather, Joel Ridgeway and his wife Jane, came from Monongalia Co., West Virginia around 1852 to settle in Jay County. Joel was a farmer by trade and bought 108 acres and a two story house in Knox Township located at County Rd. 116 and 31. Jane Ridgeway was a farm wife and the mother of six children. Nancy Ann, Elizabeth, John, George, Weit, and Clara. All the children attended Mount Zion School and The Campbellite (Church of Christ) Church in Redkey.

Seated in chairs: Joel and Jane Ridgeway. Standing: Ida (Taylor) Johnson and Clara (Ridgeway) Taylor. Child in front: Treva Johnson.

Their third child, Clara, born June 27, 1859, married Ambrose Taylor in 1888. They located on the farm where their son John was born. They had another son who was born to them but died in infancy. Two daughters, Bertha, born April 15, 1892, and Ida, born November 6, 1894, were raised in Jay County. All the children attended Mt. Zion, Goodwill, and Pennville schools.

John is able to trace his heritage back from Joel to the sixth generation where Sir Richard Ridgeway came to America from Berkshire, England on the ship Jacob and Mary.

In 1908, John was attending the Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren and there met the pastor's daughter, Etta Byerly. Rev. Byerly moved to another county and in so doing this, John says "he lost his oldest daughter—because she decided to stay and take care of me." They were married Feb. 21, 1909. Together, they took over John's father farm which is still located on State Road 26. John has farmed up to 400 acres at one time with the help of his sons. He also was a lightning rod salesman, and an insurance agent for Farm Bureau.

John and Etta had six children: Ambrose, Kenneth, Delbert, Keith, Dwight, and Zola. During these years of farming, raising children and various business adventures, John and Etta were also very active in the Indiana Farm Bureau Assoc. and their local church, Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren. John has served as a deacon, a Sunday school superintendent and a bible scholar. Etta was a song leader and a volunteer in various women's activities that benefitted the church.

Etta passed away in August of 1967. John retired from farming and went to live in Florida from 1969-1973. He presently is living in Pennville, Ind. *Submitted by John Taylor.*

John Taylor

John Taylor was born April 5, 1889 in Knox Twp., Jay Co. He was the oldest of three children born to Ambrose and Clara Ridgeway Taylor. Ambrose's parents were David and Bethany Winget Taylor. John had two sisters. Bertha, born April 15, 1892. She married William Abbott and they had five children. Ida Mae was born November 6, 1894. She married Elva Johnson and they had four children.

John married Henrietta Byerly on Feb. 21, 1909. She was born on May 11, 1889 in Adams Co. She was the daughter of Dan Byerly, a Brethern minister. John and Henrietta had six children.

Ambrose married Helen Spahr and they have three children: Phil, Gene and Joann.

Kenneth married Avis Harold and they had three children: John, George and Barbara Kay.

Keith married June Workman, who had two sons from a previous marriage, and he helped raise.

Delbert married Bessie Butcher and they had three children: Sue, Linda and Nila.

Dwight married Zella Chamberlin and they had two children, Paul and Marilyn.

Zola married Tom Hidy and they had three children: Dale, Kathy and Nancy.

Mrs. Taylor is deceased. Mr. Taylor still lives in Pennville, having retired from farming in Knox Twp. He has 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. *Submitted by Mildred "Skippy" Smith.*

Glen Teeters

I, Glen Teeters, was born May 6, 1897 in Jay County, Indiana, the tenth child of Hiram and Sarah (Houdeschell) Teeters. My father was born in Noble Twp. in 1854. His parents had seven boys and four girls. My grandparents were John Hart and Margaret Davis Teeters. He was born in Jay County in 1827. They were the parents of five boys and five girls.

My great grandfather, David Teeters was born in Pennsylvania. He came by ox team to Ft. Recovery, Ohio and could not cross the Wabash River, so he stayed on the east side until he reached New Corydon where he crossed into Jay County. He went south six miles to Wabash-Noble Township line and 80 rods on the Indiana side and drove his stake and made his claim.

As a child, I, Glen Teeters, attended a one-room brick school at Mt. Zion in Noble Twp. with one teacher who taught all eight grades. We studied reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling, geography, and physiology. The building was heated with wood. We all drank from a common tin cup from a bucket of water from neighbors or the school pump. The toilets were little buildings set in the far corners of the school lot. Most of the teachers kept green hickory or willow whips about 5 feet long. In those days we had discipline.

I married Zola Brigner, the daughter of John and Susan Good Brigner, on May 9, 1918. We were married 62 years when Zola passed away July 30, 1980. We had three children: John Hiram, Dorwin, and Clementine.

John Hiram Teeters married Donavee Snyder. They had four children: Sue Kable, Michael, Richard, and Jan Davis.

Dorwin Teeters married Doris Jean Miller. They are the parents of Nancy Collins, Linda Grise, Julie and Amy.

Clementine Teeters married Calvin Gagle. They had two children, Cindy and David Gagle. They live on a farm in Noble Twp.

I remember when there was no electricity, telephones or black top or stone roads. There were very few gravel roads in Noble Twp. Bellefountaine had two grocery stores, blacksmith shop, cider press, lodge hall, church and school. Noble had a church, school, store, blacksmith and slaughter house.

I farmed, bought timber, and worked in oil fields, I took up the art of dowsing; that means locating oil so you drill where there is oil. I retired and moved to Portland in 1966. I remember selling hogs for $2.95 a hundred, cows for 2 or 3 cents a pound and corn for 28 cents a hundred. My family never wanted for food, and I never was in debt more than a $1,000 at any one time and never out of a job.

I went to church and taught Sunday school classes for 30 years. I read the King James Version of New Testament through three times aloud to my children. I never used tobacco, intoxicating liquor, or drugs and neither do my children. I thank God for this. *Submitted by Glen Teetus.*

The Stanley Teeter Family

Stanley Teeter is the son of Ralph and Mildred Stuckey Teeter, and was born in Geneva, Adams Co., Indiana. As a young man, Stanley was always busy at the Hardy and Hardy Funeral Home, cleaning and caring for their cars, mowing the lawn and cleaning the building. He, also, would drive the car for Dr. Hinchman on his rounds and to his office. He graduated from Geneva High School, and the Indianapolis School of Mortuary Science.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army, and served until his discharge. He joined the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home upon his return from service. On July 30, 1955, he and Gloria Lehman were united in marriage. Gloria is the daughter of Horace and Huldah Sommer Lehman, also of Geneva. They began their marriage in the apartment over the present funeral home. They became parents of two children, David and Sarah.

In 1981 the Teeter's purchased the Baird-Funeral Home. They plan to continue the same friendly, detailed service that the people of Portland have always experienced with this establishment.

David Teeter was a member of the first graduating class at the new Jay County High School. He is also a graduate of Vincennes University School of Mortuary Science. He is employed at the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. David married the former Jan Schindler of Bryant. They are parents of Kyle Joseph, born October 7, 1981. They live in the apartment above the funeral home.

Sarah is a graduate of Jay County High School, also. She is married to Thomas Wallace. Their home is at 811 West Arch St. Sarah is employed as a radio dispatcher at the Police Department. Tom is employed by the Teeter's in the Funeral Home.

Stan and Gloria purchased the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in 1981.

Stanley is a member of the Portland Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite, the American Legion, Elks Brotherhood, and the Lions Club.

Gloria is a member of the Jay County Hospital Auxillary, The Eastern Star, and both are members of the Asbury Methodist Church. Their country home is on the Blaine Pike.

Harry Theurer

Harry Edward Theurer was born June 30, 1910 in Madison Township, Jay County to William, son of Tobias and Caroline Theurer, and grandson of Mathias and Sarah Theurer and Lillie, daughter of Phillip and Fedella Benn Kochersperger Theurer. He was the oldest of three children: Harry, Raymond, and Lois.

The Theurers and the Kocherspergers were of German descent, coming from the disputed area of Alsace Loraine near the Rhine River. Lillie's father, Phillip, was born in Germany and came to America at the age of eighteen. William's parents were born in the U.S.A. The families migrated from Lancaster, Pennsylvania to Marion, Ohio and then settled on a farm in Madison Township near Salamonia, Indiana. They continued the Lutheran heritage of their ancestors in St. James Lutheran Church of Salamonia, Indiana.

Harry attended the schools of Madison Township and showed early aptitudes and interest in anything mechanical. Stimulated by the purchase of his first car, a 1928 Ford roadster, he began his early emplyment in the service department of the Parks Motor Sales Agency, 118 South Meridan Street, Portland.

Harry Theurer

In 1943, he went into business for himself at the corner of Main and Wayne street in a combination service and repair station. Later, upon the retirement of William and Ernie Parks in 1948, Harry joined with Ed Maitlen to buy the dealership and service of Parks Motor Sales located at 215 West Main Street. With the combination of Harry in charge of the service and Ed as manager of sales, the business prospered and soon expanded. This developed into one of the largest and efficent Ford Motor company dealerships in the Indianapolis district.

Harry married Dorotha Fudge in the fall of 1931. Dorotha was the daughter of David John and Anna Grile Fudge. She is the sister of Erma Stein, Alvin Fudge, and Florence Wiley of the Portland community.

Harry and Dorotha were the parents of three children: Duane, Ruthann, and Janell. Duane, a graduate of General Motors Institute of Flint, Michigan, joined his father in the service department. Later he became an insurance adjuster and now operates his own insurance agency with his wife, the former Patricia Weller, in Monroeville, Indiana. They have four children: Michael, Robert, David, and Kris. Ruthann graduated with a B.S. in nursing from Indiana University and now resides with her husband, Richard Williams and their two children, Betha and Todd, in El Toro, California. Janell graduated from Purdue University with a B.S. and a M.S. in Speech Pathology and resides with her husband, Daniel Hess and daughter Danielle in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Mr. Theurer was not only successful in his business, but gave much of his time and talents to Zion Lutheran Church, the Kiwanis Club as president, and as a member of the Portland-Wayne Township school board, in which he served as treasurer and president. The new Portland High and gymnasium, Judge Haynes Elementary, and General Shanks Elementary schools were built during his tenure in office.

Harry remained active in business and as a civic-minded servant in the Portland community until his death in July 1971.

John Theurer Family

Neckarweihingen, West Germany, today a village of 4,872 people, was the birth-place of John Theurer in 1837. He was the son of Adam and Eva Klopfer Theurer, local farmers, in what was then known as the Kingdom of Wuerttemberg.

John married Regina Katharine Mayer and they had six children: Frederick 1869; Charles 1871; Marie Sophie, who died in infancy in 1872; Minnie 1875; and Ernst, who died in infancy in 1877.

The Lutheran Church in Neckarweihingen listed John as a "Burger, Baurer, and Weingartner" (citizen, farmer, and wine-gardener). The family grew wheat, corn, and grapes on their two to three acre plot located outside of town.

Seeking more land and a better life, the Theurer family boarded the steamship Olympia at Hamburg in early April 1883. Embarking at New York City on April 22, 1883, the family traveled via train to Indiana, arriving April 28. Their destination was Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana where they had friends and relatives.

In July 1883, John purchased 80 acres of land three miles south of Salamonia for $1900. The family settled into the log house on the property and became members of the Salamonia St. James Lutheran Church. The children attended school at Center, later Madison. John died in 1916, while his wife preceded him in 1907.

The oldest son, Fred, married Annie Klute; and after her death Bertha Kemper. He worked in the foundry in Richmond, Ind. and died in 1948. His sister Minnie worked for many years as a housekeeper in Richmond and died in 1944. Paul was widely traveled and involved in many business ventures. He worked as a foreman in the oil fields in Tampico, Mexico and lived in Central America, Cuba, and Florida for a time. He was the only member of his immigrant family ever to return to Germany. World War I broke out during his visit and he was forced to flee the country by way of Spain, where he caught a steamer bound for Cuba. His later years were spent in California, where he died in 1959.

Charles, the only son of John to remain home and farm, married Adna Griesinger in 1902. They homesteaded on 60 acres near Salamonia and later, also, bought John Theurer's farm. Charles died from blood poisoning on January 10, 1924. Less than 20 days later, his second son, Clarence, was dead at the age of 19 from spinal meningitis. The surviving children were sons: Paul, 21; Walter, 12, Harold, 2 and daughter, Lena. Adna lived at home until her death in 1972 at age 89.

The double tragedy brought Paul home from Richmond, Ind., where he had been a factory foreman. Paul had previously worked on the construction of Madison and Winchester High Schools. Involved in farming and livestock production, Paul has also operated a fertilizer business since World War II. Paul and his two brothers eventually formed a farming partnership that still exists today. They produce corn, beans, and wheat; though in earlier years they also grew potatoes, tomatoes, strawberries and sugarcane.

Lena has worked at various businesses in Portland including Murphys, the Boston Store, Paulines Kute Kiddies and Tot 'n Teen, a store she co-owned in the 1950's. She has also worked as a secretary at the Surveyor's Office and at Farmer's Mutual Insurance in Portland. She has been active in the St. James Lutheran Church.

Walter, a lifetime farmer, has lived on a farm adjacent to Madison School since his 1951 marriage to Ruth O. Flaler of Ft. Recovery, Ohio. He served in the Air Force in World War II, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. An ammunition supply technician, he served at western U.S. bases and overseas in the Philippines and New Guinea. Ruth has taught English in Ohio at Van Wert, Celina and Ft. Recovery Schools, and in Jay County at Madison, Noble, and East Jay schools during her 25 year career. She joined the American Red Cross in 1943 and was stationed at army hospitals as a recreation worker in five southeastern states during World War II. Walter has held various offices in the Lutheran Church over the years.

Walter and Ruth have three daughters: Mary Ellen, b. 1952; Alice, b. 1954; and Sarah, b. 1957. Mary Ellen has been the librarian at Memorial High School, St. Marys since 1974. In 1975, she married David Miller of St. Marys, who is a kiln supervisor at Hoge Lumber Co., New Knoxville, Ohio. Their daughter, Amanda, was born in 1980. Alice has been a journalism teacher at Lawrence North High School, Indianapolis for 5 years. She and her husband, Scott Miley, a state reporter on the Indianapolis Star newspaper, have a son, Seth, born in 1981. Sarah is married to Steve Rines, a Portland area farmer and they own a farm northeast of Portland. Sarah is in her third year as librarian at Adams Central Middle School, Monroe, Ind. and also taught one semester at East Jay in Portland.

Harold has been a Jay County school bus driver for 35 years. He and his wife have been active in the Salamonia Lutheran Church. Harold has lived on a farm south of Salamonia since his 1945 marriage to area native, Ruth Evelyn Smith. Before her marriage, Ruth Evelyn worked as a secretary for Dr. Moran, Portland. She worked as teacher aide and secretary at Madison School from 1966-1974 and also at Noble School for one year. She is currently a reading tutor at Judge Haynes Elementary School, Portland.

Harold and Ruth Evelyn have four children: Dennis, b. 1947; Dale, b. 1948; Connie, b. 1952; and Dean, b. 1958. Dennis has been employed with the Internal Revenue Service since 1969, first in Ft. Wayne and currently in Indianapolis. Dennis married Diana Bolinger of Winchester in 1975. She is presently an accountant clerk for Jack Dustman and Associates, Indianapolis; and has worked as a secretary in Winchester and Fort Wayne. Dale served in the Air Force, taught school and worked as an auditor in Indiana, New Jersey and Oregon. He is now an accountant for the USDA Forest Service, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1981, he married Rosemary DeMotte, a New York City native. A former employee of A.T. & T. in New Jersey, she is Systems Programmer with Wisconsin Telephone Co., Milwaukee.

Connie has worked as bookkeeper at First National Bank and secretary-receptionist at Muncie Federal, both in Portland. Presently, she is secretary at the Lutheran Church in Greenfield, Ind. In 1974, she married Phillip Bailey of Portland. He worked at Bailey Furniture, Portland and is now co-ordinating manager with ServiceMaster Industries, Hospital Divisions, in Greenfield. Their children are, Brad, b. 1977; and Kristen, b. 1980. Dean worked for one year as computer programmer at Street Software in Portland and is now a junior computer programmer at St. Francis College, Fort Wayne. *Submitted by Ruth Evelyn Theurer.*

Robert M. Theurer Family

Robert M. Theurer, an employee of Teledyne Portland Forge, and Noble Township farmer, was born in Madison Township, Jay County, just south of Salamonia, on

February 12, 1927. He was the first child of Forrest J. and Edith Hilfiker Theurer. He attended Madison Township School until 1940, when the family moved to Noble Township, one and one-half miles east of Bellefountain. Robert went to the Davis one-room school, and then attended Portland High School. Shortly before graduation in 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and took his basic training at Great Lakes Training Station. He volunteered for the Seabees and was assigned to the 51st Naval Construction Battalion of Seabees. During his 18 months of service, he was stationed in the South Pacific. Although he wasn't present for his graduation, he received his diploma from Portland High School. He was discharged from the Navy in 1946, and started to work at Portland Forge in 1947, in the tool and die shop.

On March 3, 1950, he was married to Esther Lois Bollinger. She was born September 24, 1931 in Wells County, the daughter of Peter and Irene Eley Bollinger. Her family moved to Jay County where she was graduated from Poling High School west of Bryant.

In 1952, they purchased a farm at the east edge of Bellefountain, in Noble Township, where they still reside. They built a new brick home on the 73 acre farm in 1966. Mrs. Theurer has been employed by Porter-Takats Insurance Agency for 19 years. The Theurer's attend the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Portland. Robert is a member of Robert Guy Ayres, American Legion Post 211, Portland Country Club, and Portland Elks Lodge.

Robert's ancestors migrated to the United States from Germany. His great-great-grandfather, Frederick Theurer, was born in Langendiebach, Germany, in the Kingdom of Wurtenburg, on February 7, 1810. He came to America when he was 18, and settled in Pennsylvania. Shortly after, he moved to a German settlement near Marion, Ohio. He was married there in 1838 to Margarett Jacoby, daughter of John and Elizabeth Jacoby. They had three children: Christiana, born May 8, 1839, and twins, Margaret and Daniel, born May 3, 1841. Frederick's wife, Margarett, died in childbirth when the twins were born. In 1842, he married her younger sister, Elizabeth and they had nine children.

When the Frederick Theurer family moved to Jay County, they lived on the Otto Bartling farm north of Salamonia, now owned by Harold Dick.

Robert's great-grandfather, Daniel, served in the Civil War. He and his wife, Elizabeth Hartzell, had two children, Mary and William Albert. Daniel died at the age of 35 from the effects of the war, and is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

William A. Theurer, Robert's grandfather, was married to Jeannette (Nettie) Sherman. He was a farmer and worked for the Indiana State Highway Department. They owned a 60 acre farm, three miles east of Portland on Indiana 26. William Theurer had four children: Naomi Ruth, Ruby Opal, Virgil and Forrest Justus.

Forrest Theurer, Robert's father, was born July 10, 1900. His wife, Edith Mildred, was born January 4, 1904, the daughter of Alonzo C. and Mary Scholer Hilfiker. Forrest was a farmer and factory employee of Sheller-Globe Corp. Besides their son, Robert, they had two daughters, Mary Jeanette, born May 3, 1930 and Juanita Ann, born January 28, 1937. Forrest sold his 100 acre farm in 1967, and moved to Sunnyport Addition, in Portland.

Jeanette was married to Herbert E. McKee, and they had three sons, Michael Alan, born April 10, 1952, and twins Mark Stanley and Milton Dean, born February 15, 1954. Jeanette McKee has been employed by The Commercial Review for 21 years.

Michael McKee was married in 1977 to Jodi Taylor, and they have a daughter, Kristin Elizabeth. Mark was married in 1974, to Sharon Schmit, and they have two daughters, Sara Elisabeth and Lisa Elaine. Milton was married in 1977 to Karen Tullis, and they have a daughter, Kia Ann. Michael and Mark are both employed at Teledyne Portland Forge, while Milton works at CTS of Berne, Indiana.

Juanita Theurer was married to Rodney Sipe and they had three children. Clifton married Tami Puckett in 1981 and they have a daughter, Crystal Jeanette. They live in Rochester, Indiana. Julie was married to Timmie Ross Lance in 1979. They live in Germany where he is stationed with the U.S. Air Force. Jim, a resident of Ft. Worth, Texas, is not married. Rodney Sipe is employed by Powermatic Woodworking Equipment as a manufacturing engineer. The Sipes moved to McMinnville, Tenn. in 1975 from Celina, Ohio. *Submitted by Esther Theurer.*

David D. and
Roberta Thomas

David Dillow Thomas Family

David Dillow Thomas and Roberta Margaret Roe were married in Portland, by Rev. J. Robert Coovert. They have four children: Linda Marie is married to James Hill. They live in Hot Springs, Arkansas; David Edward is a junior in the Jay County High School. He is a member of the football team, and is also a member of the local National Guard; Jody Elaine is a sophomore at Jay County High School; Kelli Sue is a student at East Jay Junior High in Portland.

David is a veteran of the Viet Nam War, serving in the U.S. Army. He enlisted in May 1963, and served until December 1968. He was badly injured in January that year. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, medals from Viet Nam, and others. He still has a 90 percent disability, though he is regularly employed at the Jay Garment Co. as security guard and custodian. David came from Itman, W. Virginia to Jay County. The family are members of the First Baptist Church. Roberta has been employed at C.T.S. in Berne until recently.

Elias T. Thomas

Thomas is a common name in England and Wales, ranking seventh in proper noun names. The name means twin and the corollary Thomasite is the female gender. This family blood line is traceable to Urian Rheged, a knight of the Holy Sepulchre. The established name, Thomas, emmanates in part from Sir Rysap Thomas of the court of the Duke of Burgundy and the name does not antedate the Norman Conquest.

The Reverend William Thomas, and spouse Ann Griffin, were the first Thomas immigrants to arrive in America and settle in Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1718. From this lineage seven generations evolved, many of which were reared in Penn Township of Jay County.

Walter Thomas and wife Mary (Godshalk) with five children moved to Jay County, Indiana from Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1837. They purchased government land two miles southeast of Pennville, in Penn Township. The five children were: Amos, Elias, Hiram, Elizabeth and Lydia. The second son, Elias, married Amanda Mulvina Millner. Their family consisted of eleven children: Mary, Patience J., Elizabeth, Jehu, Martha, Harvey, Elias, Mulvina, Margaret, Amos, Harriet Ellen. Elias obviously was a popular name in the family lineage. This third Elias, third son of Elias and Mulvina, was wedded to Rebecca Porter. To this marriage were born eight children.

1. Clemet E. Thomas (1841-1911) married Nellie G. Bissel. He was a teacher of English in Norwood, Ohio.

2. Francis Thomas (1872-1846) married Minnie Skinner. They farmed for many years in Green Township. Their only child, Clemet E., died at age 13.

Mary Elizabeth Thomas (1874-1877).

3. Emma Thomas (1878-1945) married Charles B. Myers in 1898. There were 11 children. Forrest died in infancy, Lorena, Iona, Blanche, Hugh, Glen, Dale, Maud, Noel, and Marjorie. (See Noel T. Myers history.)

4. Walter Thomas (1880-1945) married Leota Rice. Three children were born to this union. This Thomas family lived many years in Mendon, Ohio, where he taught school.

5. Lewis Thomas (1882-1957) married to Maud Rigby, farmed in Penn and Greene Townships for most of their working lives. Their three children, Beatrice (1918) and Lewis Norval, Avanelle, were graduates of Pennville High School. Lewis's specialty was truck farming. The strawberries and watermelons raised by him were known far and wide.

Elias and Rebecca Thomas resided on the farm of his father in Penn Township. The youngest of the family was only three years of age when the mother died. The oldest girl, Emma, was thirteen years old and until her marriage the bulk of household and mother's responsibilities were heired by her.

Elias assisted as possible in household responsibilities and managed the farm. As father, he guided his children along his own intellectual interests. An avid reader, he encouraged this on the part of each child, and he spent much evening time in reading to the family circle. The first home was a log cabin and the children slept on pallets in the loft. Early on snowy mornings, it is related, he entered the loft, removing blankets from the children and shaking off the snow that had sifted in beneath the eaves, so they would be less exposed to wet and cold.

Elias T. Thomas

Through the trials of family responsibility, Elias maintained a sense of humor. Winter boots were stored during summer months under attic eaves. One fall when it was time for getting boots out of storage, and greasing them with beef tallow. Elias informed the boys that the footwear was filled with nesting mice. He had the boys form a circle armed with clubs. Then he procured a pair of boots from the attic and proceeded carefully to the edge of the circle. Suddenly he dumped the boots into the circle center. There was an unforgettable melee of whacking, grunting, shouting and jumping before the young entourage realized that the dark running scrambling mice was last year's dried walnuts! Then there were foolish expressions, followed by hip slapping riotous laughter.

Beatrice, daughter of Lewis and Maud Thomas, married George A. Horton. They had one son, Tracy. Four descendants of Tracy are: Erica Lynn (1970), Tracy Jo (1971), George P. (1973) and Kyle David (1980).

Lewis Norval Thomas (1915-1979), son of Lewis and Maud Thomas, married Betty Ann Beck. They had three children who live in this county. Beth Elaine (1941) married David Haffner in 1939. Their two daughters are Jonianne and Kimberly. The second daughter, Lana Lou (1946) married Keith A. Wall in 1945. They have two adopted children, Lori Lynn (1971) and Ryan Myo (1975). The son in the Lewis Norval Thomas family, Brian, extended the Thomas name through a son, Aaron Christopher, born 1980.

Avanelle, second daughter of Lewis and Maud Thomas, married William Boxell. There were six children: Cheryl (1946) who married Alan Reasoner, was killed in an auto accident in 1972 with their two daughters, Angele Rene, 5, and Kimberly D., 6. A son, William Boxell, is father of four descendants: Lisa A., 1968; Melissa S., 1969; Joshua N., 1977; and Travis V., 1979. A second daughter, Deborah A. Boxell, married James Moore and they have three children: Cynthia, 1966; Anthony, 1976; and Rebecca, 1978. The third daughter, Catharine, married Ronnie Stultz, 1950. They have three children: Daniel S., 1966; Jodi Lynell, 1970; Paul Revere, 1977. Connie Lou Boxell, the fourth daughter, married James Udelhofen. Their two children are Clinton J., 1977, and Amber D., 1978. The last child and son of this family, Thomas Glen, is the father of Nicole, born in 1979.

6. Lyman Thomas (1885-1945) fourth son of Elias and Rebecca Thomas, married Lena Neil. There were no

children. They resided on the ancestral home until Lyman's death.

7. Edith Thomas (1887-1965) second daughter and youngest child, married Fred Baughman. They resided on a farm in Wayne Township on former S.R. 22. There were no children.

Remaining on the original homestead in Penn Township, Elias Thomas was a successful farmer. Buildings, orchard and livestock attested to his skill in horticulture and animal husbandry. A graduate of Liber College, he also taught for a number of years. Two sons, Clemet and Walter, followed careers in teaching. During the following three generations teaching became a life profession for several of Elias Thomas' grandchildren and great grandchildren. *Submitted by Beatrice Thomas Horton.*

Harvey Thomas Family

Harvey Thomas (1835-1917) was of the William Thomas family that settled in Penn Township in 1837. (See Elias Thomas and Thomas profile this edition.) He married Elizabeth Jane Haviland. To this union were born and reared in Jay County:

Patience Thomas (1861-1929) was the first of two daughters in this family. She lived her entire life at the family residence east of Pennville.

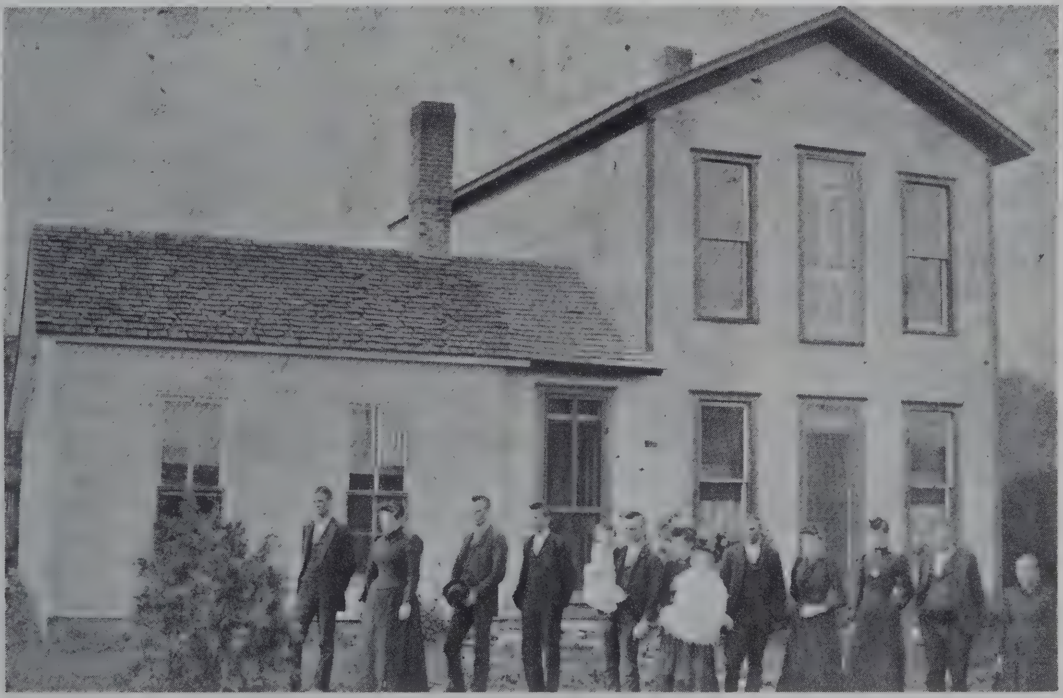
Josephine Thomas (1863-1930) the second daughter married Andrew Elliott and had a son, Paul. She was widowed in 1896, and shared the family home with Patience. They maintained the home with a younger brother William. The sisters were well-known as neat housekeepers and superb cooks.

Bingsley Thomas (1864-1930) the third child married Clara Strausberg, April 6, 1891. They farmed near Portland for many years. (1) Gladys Thomas, their daughter, married Warren C. Pearson. She is widowed and lives in Portland. Her son Robert Pearson lives in Farmingrton, Connecticut. (2) Frederick Thomas M.D., son of Bingsley and Clara, lived in Indianapolis until his death in 1981.

Edwin Edgar Thomas (1867-1930) married Effie Priest. They owned a picturesque farm in Greene Twp. near the former Corkwell Corner store. Edwin owned a threshing rig which he with his brother Arthur operated as a community service for many years. (See Thomas profile this edition.) Mr. Thomas was a graduate of Liber College and for some time a district grade school teacher. Edwin and Effie were parents of five children. (1) Mable Thomas married Benjamin Hawkins who served two terms as the county's sheriff. Benjamin and Mabel had a family of three children: Frances Ann, Helen Jane and Marjorie Lou. (See Hawkins family—this edition.) (2) Virginia Thomas married Rohn Slick, a neighboring farmer. They had one daughter, Thelma, who married J.M. Spade. They live in Indianapolis. From 1932 to 1950, Ben and Rohn were partners in the restaurant business. Their Home Cafe was in its time a popular eating place. (3) Nellie Thomas and (4) Opal Thomas remained single and lived at the edge of Portland on West Votaw Street. At this writing, Virginia and Nellie are the only surviving children. (5) Virgil Thomas, youngest of five children, married Josephine Hawkins. They had one daughter, Betty Kovaluk, who lives in Portland. Virgil became associated with the Citizens Bank in Portland in 1918. He remained with this community institution for more than 50 years where he held the position of Executive vice-president for many years prior to his retirement in 1970. He died in 1980, his wife having preceeded him in death in 1978.

William Walter Thomas (1889-1945) lived with his sisters Patience and Josephine on the family farm near Pennvile. This quiet and amiable bachelor was considered an excellent farmer and neighor.

Arthur E. Thomas (1872-1922) the fourth son of Harvey and Elizabeth married Emma Priest April 1897. There were three chidren in this family. (1) Vesta Thomas married Raymond Juillerat. Their children were: Carol, Jean, Jon and Mary Helen. (2) Ruth Thomas Cobbum, the second



Harvey Thomas family at home on Pennville Road, taken about 1892. Left to right: Andrew Elliott, Josephine Elliott, William Thomas, Samuel Thomas, Mabel Thomas (child), Edwin Thomas, Effie Thomas (Virginia Thomas's child), Billingsley Thomas, Clara Thomas, Patience Thomas, Harvey Thomas, E. Jane Thomas.

daughter, lives in Syracuse, Indiana. (3) Wilma Thomas Steenrod, the youngest daughter's home is Sarasota, Florida. Arthur Thomas was a rural school teacher, farmer and threshing machine operator.

Samuel Amos Thomas (1875-1943) last son of Harvey married Cora Michaels in 1901. From this union there were two children: Cleo Thomas, born 1902, married George Zuber. Both are deceased. Their children were: (1) Thomas Edwin; (2) Lawrence William; (3) Alta Norene; (4) Norman Frank (died in infancy); (5) Anna Louise; (6) Alice Jane; and (7) Byron Wayne. Samuel and Cora's son Marlowe Thomas was born in 1903. He married Esther Felber. Marlowe bought the farm of his Uncle William and lived there until 1955. He and Esther now reside in Portland. They had two children: (1) Barbara, born 1930, died in 1958. She married Ward Peden and they had two children: Montie Clifford, a teacher and genealogist living in Plymouth, Indiana, and Sally Jane Peden. (2) The second daughter, Janet Sue (1934) married John Van Der Berg. Marlowe and Esther are well-known in Jay County having managed the Conservation Club facilities for several years. *Submitted by Noel T. Myers.*

Thomas Family

Jim and Mary Thomas were married and lived in Pineville, West Virginia. There, they raised a family of eight children: Lonnie, Clark, Jim, Frank, Pretty, Almeda, and George Dillow Thomas.

George Dillow married a girl named Alice while he was working on the railroad. Alice and George D. had nine children: Laura (Mills), Pearl (Phillips), Florence (Perdue), Hazel (Bowens), Esther (Cline), Fred, Hubert, Dollie and Ernest. Alice and George divorced. He married Winnie Hesh. Winnie's father, Levi Hesh, was a surveyor, in West Virginia, where he was born. He was married to Eva Walker. They were parents of 11 children: Lena, Viola, Orda, Dottie, Fay, Walter, Coy, Everett, Willis and Winnie. George, was born in 1885, and died August 9, 1945. George and Winnie were parents of three children: Georgeana, Oneida J. and David Dillow. Georgeana married Bill McGlothin. They moved to Union City, Ohio, where they had two sons, Bill and Michael. Bill married and has a son.

Oneida J. married Fred Barton, and they moved to Portland, Ind. They had three children: Teresa, Dale and Monica. Fred worked for the Ohio Gas Company, out of Winchester, Ind. They were divorced and Oneida is now married to James E. Smith, and lives in Union City, Ind.

David Dillow Thomas and Roberta Margaret Roe were married in Portland by the Rev. Robert Coovert. They have four children: Linda Marie, who is married to James Hill. They live in Hot Springs, Arkansas; David Edward, a junior at Jay County High School. He is a player on the football team. He is also a member of the National Guard; Jody Elaine is a sophomore, also at Jay County High School; Kellie Sue is a student at E. Jay Jr. High School.

David Dillow served in the U.S. Army in Viet Nam. He enlisted in May 1963 and served until December 1968. He was permanently disabled in January of 1968, and still has 90 percent disability. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, medals from Viet Nam, and others. He is regularly employed at the Jay Garment Co. as a custodian, and security guard.

David came to Jay County from Itman, W. Virginia. The family are members of the First Baptist Church. *Submitted by Roberta M. Thomas.*

The Tottens

Isaiah Totten was born in New York of English descent. He is listed as a pioneer of Mercer County, Ohio. He and his wife, Susan had five children: Samuel (1834), Philip, Johnson and two girls. Having the pioneer spirit, the family moved to Iowa. However, Samuel came back by boat, down the Mississippi River to the Ohio River, then overland to Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

Here Samuel Totten married an Irish girl (a cousin to Mrs. S.A. Armstrong). They had one son (Henry) who was real Irish. Samuel's wife died when Henry was two years old.

Later Samuel Totten married Mary Ann Stooksberry, daughter of William and Harriet Dick Stooksberry of Randolph County, Indiana. Here Alice (1862-1869), William (1864-1924) and Philip (1866-1946) were born. While on a fishing trip, William "Will" age 4, caught a lake sturgeon.

From Randolph County, the Tottens moved close to Ft. Recovery. William started to school where the monument now stands.

In 1871 the Totten family came to Jay County, living in Noble and then Green Township. Isaac, Roll, Jane, Maurice and Verna were born here.

Samuel's son, Henry, married and had six children: Merl, Carl, Charles, Donald, John and Calvin. In later years Henry moved to Vincennes where he fished for pearls in the Wabash River. Henry's pearls were the subject of an article in the Baltimore, Maryland Sun.

William Totten began teaching school in 1883 in Green Township and later taught in Wayne Township. In 1888 he married Alice Wilkin (1865-1909). Their children were: Arlie (1889-1896); Everett (1891-1971) who taught at Gertsmeyer Technical School, Terre Haute for 20 years; Beatrice (1893-1941) wife of Jesse Mast; and Mildred (1899-1939) who married Benjamin Kimmel of Muncie. The Mast children were George 1913; Edward 1916 and Mary (1918-1964), who married Ralph Lewis.

For his second wife, William married Louella May Kitchell of Mason, Ohio on August 20, 1913. Their daughter Alyce was born June 10, 1914. She attended Hanlin School and graduated from Portland High School and married

William I. Totten
Taken in 1920
when he was
hauling coal.

William Lawrence of Bryant.

Philip married Florence Mason. Children were: Pearl (1889-1912); Goldie (1891-1913) and Arthur of Portland.

Estella married Charles Hildreth and moved to Michigan.

Isaac Totten married Anna Geesaman. Children were: Iva, wife of Jack Barrow of Pollocksville, North Carolina; Raymond (1901-1963) married Alice Shultz, of Dayton, Ohio and had one son, David; Clement (1904-1960) and Dale, born February 1907, lives with his sister. Isaac farmed and carried mail from Portland Post Office to Pony and Green Post Office. Isaac was killed by a train west of Portland in July 1906.

Roll (1873-1946) married Minnie Stullen and had one daughter, Edith (1899-1957) wife of Ralph Hoppess.

Jane (1875-1955) married Sanford Tombleson. Children were: Mabel, Grace, Leonard, Eldon, Marie and Helen.

Maurice Totten married Ella Robinson. They moved to Michigan, had four children: Charley, Dorothy, Mary and Iris. Maurice was killed while working for the railroad in Kalamazoo.

Verna married Oscar Bickner, and had one daughter, Mary Brooks.

Samuel and Mary Ann Totten both died in 1909 and are buried in Center Cemetery. *Submitted by Alyce M. Lawrence.*

Ottis A. Tucker Family

Alva James Tucker was born in Connecticut in 1804, Isaac D. Tucker was born Aug. 3, 1836 and died in 1876, buried in the Pingry Cemetery, Jackson Township, Jay County. Isaac was wounded in the Civil War, and lived just six years after his son Ottis Alton Tucker was born 1871. Ottis A. Tucker married Lola Montague Brunson in 1891, at the Sardinia Christian Church west of Bryant on Christmas Ave. O.A. Tucker's sister Emma Evaline Tucker Downing of Pennville, Henry Irvin and Alva Curtis died as children (brothers).

The children of Ottis A. Tucker and Lola Brunson Tucker were Alva J. (deceased); Alma E. Thornburg (deceased); Gladys B. Binegar, Portland; Mildred Farrell died at 2½ years of age; and a baby boy who died at six weeks of age; Russell Ray (killed in World War I); Henry C., California; Chancey K., Huntington, Ind.; Ted R. (deceased); Emory E. (deceased); Bonnie B. Tyndall, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Waunita M. Miller, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Florence I. Houser, Bryant, Ind.; and Lawrence E. of Jay County.

Descendants of Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Tucker, now number 273, both living and deceased.

Yorkshire County England was the community from which our first known history was recorded. Sir Robert was knighted by the king in 1616 and the original name was changed to Tuckerman by that king, later family leaders changed the name to Tucker. Four brothers came from London, two purchased the third newspaper of New York City and two founded the first newspaper of Albany, N.Y. William Henry Tucker was an artist living in Philadelphia, Pa., and a potter; he made "Tucker China" made famous because he painted each set of water service as originals. The President and Mrs. Monroe had a set of Tucker China, 16 tumblers and one pitcher are still in the White House, Mrs. J.F. Kennedy displayed them on television during her husbands administration.

1931—Eleven remaining children with their parents. Front: Chancy, Emory, Alva, Ted and Lawrence. Standing: Florence, Bonnie, Ottia, Henry, Lola, Waunita, Alma and Gladys.

After the families settled in the New England colonies, they held strong loyalty the Crown, which was evident during the troubled times before the revolution, and approximately 200 families chose to travel west instead of revolt. However, as news reached them in communities around Butler, Pa., the seriousness of the relationship with Great Britain caused many of the men to return East and to fight for the colonies issue. Our Henry Tucker became a corporal and was killed at the battle of Brandywine.

Jay County history stated that the very first settlers in Jay County were Peter and Mary Studebaker in 1821, then in 1823 Mr. and Mrs. John Brooks settled on the creek which bears their name. After Orman Perring and John J. Hawkins arrived in 1826, then George Tucker arrived in 1829 as the fifth white person to settle in Jay Co.

Merritt W. Vance

Merritt W. Vance was born at Leroy, Illinois, January 6, 1899, and was the son of Noah and Eda Vance. Mr. Vance had two half-sisters and a half-brother. On May 17, 1919 Meritt Vance married Bertha Fay Edwards of Illinois. Mrs. Fay Vance was born on a farm in Lexington Township, McLean County, Illinois on March 17, 1902, and was the daughter of Alvin and Della Edwards. Mrs. Vance was born in a family of five children, four of whom are still living. After a couple of years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Vance returned to Jay County to set up farming on a farm left to Merritt by his father on County Road 80 east of the County Home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vance two daughters were born: Alice M., born on May 17, 1920 and Florence I., born on September 27, 1921. Later two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Vance: Larry L., born on June 2, 1937 and Robert, born on October 30, 1940.

Alice was united in marriage to Harold Leonhard on August 8, 1940. Harold and Alice are the parents of two sons, Jerry W. and Mike L. Jerry was born on June 27, 1945 and Mike was born on January 15, 1948. Harold has been engaged in sales for many years and Alice has been employed at the Jay Garment Company. Jerry has two boys, Tim and Tom Leonhard. Mike has two daughters, Hope and Sarah and a son, Mike. Harold and Alice have lived in Jay County most of their lives.

Florence was married to Ralph Reitenour in March 1940. To Ralph and Florence was born a daughter Judy and two sons, Craig and Christopher. Judy was born on July 31, 1945 and Craig was born on October 14, 1951. Christopher was born in Alameda, California on May 9, 1964. Craig has a son Jason and Judy has a daughter Erin and a son Eric. Christopher lives at home. Craig passed away on January 30, 1976 while serving with the Navy Seabees. Ralph is a mold maker by trade. All of their children and grandchildren live in California.

Larry was married to Phyllis Pensinger on June 2, 1956. Larry and Phyllis have three children: Kibbie, born on July 11, 1957, now lives in Georgia with her husband Jeff DeJarnett. Jeff and Kibbie were married on July 17, 1979. Jeff, Kibbie, and Kayla, born February 17, 1959, all graduated from Asbury College in Willmore, Kentucky. Kayla is assistant student pastor at the Congregational Christian Church in Winchester, Indiana. Kyle, born August 8, 1963 and is now attending Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana. Larry has been active in politics, he has served eight years as Jay County Treasurer and is currently serving his second term as Clerk of the Jay County Court. Larry and Phillis live at the home farm on County Road 80. The Larry Vance family has sung at many churches and communities with their gospel songs. Kayla made a record titled Follow Jesus.

Robert E. married Karen Woodruff from Summitville, Indiana on November 24, 1962. Robert and Karen have four children, all at home. Lori Ann, born December 7, 1963, is a senior at Jay County High School. Lisa Sue, a sophmore at Jay County High, was born on September 21, 1966. On October 8, 1969, a son, Robert Jr., was born to Robert and Karen. The fourth child, Lana Kay, was born on September 25, 1974. Karen graduated from Ball Hospital School of Nursing in Muncie and is currently working as a registered nurse at the Jay County Hospital. Robert graduated from Tri-State University with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1965. Robert was plant engineering manager at Sheller Globe in Portland, and is now employed at Jay Complete Electric. Robert also serves on the Portland City Council and various other community boards.

Merritt Vance passed away on July 28, 1966 and his wife, Fay, lives in Portland on East North Street. They have 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. *Submitted by Robert E. Vance.*

VanDyke

In the spring of 1954, George and Marguerite VanDyke purchased a 160-acre farm in Jackson Township on the south side of Road 60 (Antiville Road) one and a half miles west of U.S. 27 through True Buckmaster and Fred Lutes from William Bontrager, an Amishman who wanted to join his relatives and friends in Missouri. The VanDykes moved from their farm in Wayne Co., Ind., with their two young children, Mary Lucinda, six years old and John Gerald, four years old. Mary began school at Poling School that fall and John a year later. They attended Poling until they were in junior high.

Marguerite VanDyke

George was the son of Gerald S. and Retta VanDyke, formerly of Union City, Ind. Gerald was a funeral director who had done business with people in the southeastern section of Jay Co. for many years.

Marguerite was an active teacher so she was hired by the Portland-Wayne Twp. Schools to teach in the Portland Junior High. She continued teaching in this school system for 20 years with experience at both the junior high and high school levels.

George also taught a few years at Madison, Gray, and Poling schools, but soon preferred raising Angus cattle to teaching.

The VanDykes retired in 1974 and took their first freighter trip to Southeast Asia from November of 1974 to March 1975.

Mary Lucinda graduated from Indiana University School of Nursing in 1970. After a year in psychiatric nursing at Westville, Ind., she was in the U.S. Air Force two years with service at Andrews A.F. Base Hospital, Washington, D.C. She also worked at Georgetown Hospital in D.C. and at Duke University Hospital, Durham, N.C., before she returned to Jay Co. to manage her parents' farm while they served in the Peace Corps on the island of Bohol in the Philippines from January 1976 to May 1977.

On their return from the Philippines the VanDykes traveled by freighter from Manila to Fremantle, Australia, and from there they traveled across Australia and the island of Tasmania as well as both North and South islands and Stewart Island off New Zealand before they sailed on another freighter from Auckland, N.Z., via Fiji, Hawaii, and finally to Vancouver, B.C.; then a train trip back to Fort Wayne, Ind., on Amtrak.

Other travels have included trips to Costa Rica, South America, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In the spring of 1978 the VanDykes sold their farm to Larry and Alice Paxson so they could travel even more. They now live in Gulfport, Mississippi, after a three-year stay in Brownsville, Texas, from where they traveled rather extensively in Mexico.

Mary is now married to Jan Nesbitt of Portland, and they have a daughter Lucinda. Mary is working as In-Service Director of the Jay County Hospital after earning a Master's degree in Nursing from Ball State University.

The son, John G. VanDyke, graduated from Purdue University in 1972 and is now a civilian engineer at Fort Knox, Ky. He and his wife Tina live in Elizabethtown, Ky., with their two small daughters, Sara Beth and Julia Ann. *Submitted by Marguerite VanDyke.*

Waldron

Mary Ellen, the second daughter of Godfrey Judy and Mary Ann Brindle, was born February 1, 1865 in Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana and was the second child in order of birth. Her father's farm was part of a joint land transaction between her father and her grandfather, Frederick Judy. They purchased 80 acres of farm land which was the W½ of the NE¼ S27 T23 R 15. They settled near the post office community of Hector which no longer is in existence as a town and is not marked on the county maps.

Mary Ellen spent nearly all of her life in Jay County, Indiana. She married John W. Waldron September 24, 1885 in Jay County, Inidana. John W. Waldron was the son of Abe B. Waldron and Ann Bellis, natives of New Jersey. John W. Waldron was born June 24, 1848 in Noble Township. John Waldron died January 13, 1923 in Noble Township, Jay County, Indiana.

After the death of her husband, Mary Ellen Waldron lived in Portland until she was quite old. Mrs. Waldron resided with her niece Gladys Judy Hoggatt during the last few months of her life. Mary Ellen Waldron died in 1953 in Darke County, Ohio near Rose Hill.

John and Mary Waldron are buried in Green Mound Cemetery in Mercer County, Ohio near Fort Recovery where her parents and Grandfather Judy are buried. John and Mary Waldron had no children of their own but nieces and nephews visited them frequently.

Charles Walter Family

Jacob Walter, whose grandparents came from Germany, his mother being a bound girl, married Susannah Ruble in 1810. They moved from Pennsylvania to Columbiana Co. Ohio with ten children. Son William moved to Wabash Township and married Sarah Reed in 1849. He served in the Civil War and received serious injuries. They lived on a farm in Bearcreek Twp., near Westchester. They had five sons and three daughters.

Son Everets Reed Walter married Roscina Affolder. They lived in a two room plank log cabin near New Corydon. One son, Charles Arthur Walter, was born December 9, 1877. He was seven years old when they moved to New Corydon which at that time was a thriving community with a hotel, drug store, grist mill and many other businesses.

As a youth he worked in the drug store in New Corydon. He had a contract with Washington D.C. to carry mail from Geneva to New Corydon in 1905. He married Nellie Josephine Switzer in 1905. They had five children. One died at birth, the others were: Jay, John, Josephine, and Jesteene.

Charles taught eight grades in a one-room school. In those years you had a job as long as you were of the same political party as the township trustee. Some years Charles papered and cut wood in the winter and painted in summers to make ends meet. He had to get up early as he was also janitor as well as the teacher. He took students shoes home to put on half-soles, he glued books, and fixed bicycles.

Jay Evered Walter married Edith Stolz and had two children. Jay and Edith are living in New Corydon. Donald Jay married Phyllis Beer and they have one son Troy. Their daughter Sara Ann works in Indianapolis.

John Emmett Walter married Clara Buckingham. They had three children: infant daughter, a son John William (d) who married Dixie Trobridge. They had two children, Dennis and Dorenda. Their second son, Richard, is currently working for the state.

Josephine Erenay married Floyd Baker. They live east of Berne. They had two children, Virginia and Mary Jane. Virginia married Eugene Lehmann. Their children are: Rhonda, Nancy (married Dennis Beavers; have two children), Mark, LuAnn, and Rosie. Mary Jane married Russell Nichols. They have two children, Timothy and Tamara. Both daughters, Virginia and Mary Jane, and their families live east of Berne.

Jesteene Walter married Donald Michael. They live east of Bryant on Jesteen's mothers home place. They have four sons: Dwight, Dwain, Doren and Don. Dwight married Patti Timmons and they have three children: Matthew, Melissa and Nathanael. Dwain married Sharen (Sherry) Davidson and they have three children: Shannon, Maranda, and Andrew. Doren is an ensign in the U.S. Navy, stationed in San Diego. Don is a senior at Indiana University. *Submitted by Jesteene Michael.*

Walter

Noah Walter, Greene Township, was a native of Hancock County, Ohio, born August 1853, son of Frederick (1890-1894) and Melvina Diehl Walter (1821-1878). His father was born in Wentenberg, Germany, emigrated to America in 1834, received his naturalization papers in Findlay, Ohio, in 1840. He had seven brothers to come to America, at different times, and four sisters to remain in Germany. His mother, Melvina, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. They settled in Hancock County, Ohio. They lived there until their death. Noah was one of eleven children.

Noah (1853-1936) married in 1878 to Nancy Jane Fellers (1855-1909). They resided in Hancock County, Ohio, for ten years, then moved to Jay County in the year of 1888. They purchased the eighty acre farm from William H. McLaughlin, one of the early pioneer families. This farm was located in Green Township, six miles west of Portland, one-half mile west of Center. At the time the farm was purchased, there was a log house and log stable. The house that is there now was built in 1889; the barn built in 1894. The farm has been in the Walter family for 93 years, now belonging to Emmett Walter, known as one of the better farms in Jay County. Noah Walter was a very prominent farmer. They resided on the same farm until their death. To this couple were born four children: Floyd, Elma, Eva Melvina, and Clara.

Floyd (1879-1956) married to Anna Dennis. To this union six children were born: Arlet, Emmett, Inez Walter Rupe, Imo Walter Bradford. Two passed away in childhood.

Elma (1881-1960) married Harry Brunson, and to this union seven children were born: Donald, Lawrence, Gladys Brunson Horn, Ethel Jane Brunson Dilworth, Raymond Walter, Earl, and Doris Brunson Tullis.

Eva Melvina (1889-1970) married William A. Barnett. To this couple two children were born, Herbert Walter and Ruth Evelyn Barnett Turpen.

Clara (1893-1972) married Orval Myron. They had three children: Ruby (Myron) Aspy, Kathleen (Myron) Hamelman, and Kenneth Walter Myron.

Both Noah and his wife were members of the Center Church. They are buried in Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville, Indiana. *Submitted by Herbert and Marg Barnett.*

William Earl Warnock

So far, as we know, the Warnock family originated in Scotland and was spelled "Varnog". Down through the years it has been spelled in many different ways.

We are not sure how many brothers first came to the United States during the troubles they were having with the church in Scotland, however, it appears there were three: John, Robert, and James. Earl's family comes from Robert, although we know very little about him.

Robert's son Francis married Sarah Cline, the daughter of William and Susannah Lance; he served in the Revolutionary War and lived to the ripe old age of 106. William is buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, in Randolph Co. near North Salem.

Francis came to Jay Co. around 1835 or 36 and entered land in Sec. 27, Noble Township. The land is now owned by Clyde Bailey. He and Sarah had nine children; Sanford, Levi, William, Margaret, Joseph R., Oliver Perry, Abraham, Frank, and Joshua (who died young). Francis left behind when he passed on, his scrapbook or day book. In this he recorded and dated many of the community happenings, also letters he wrote to some of his children in Kansas. The interesting part of this manuscript is nearly all in verse.

This was sent to Kansas in a letter, dated April 19, 1872.

I've jest got through my sturdy oaks
That stood for ages past.
I took them down you tell the folks
and into rails at last.

I feel realeased in some degree
My hardest work is done.
From making rails I am set free
Poor fences I have none.

Accept of this my friend
It's my unworthy letter.
The next that I send
I hope it will look better.

Also there is a cure for the colic in a horse—this is not in verse. "Take one pint rye whiskey and one tablespoon of cayenne pepper and pour it in the horse. Wait one half hour—if that don't do it, and the horse lays down and the weather is warm, wrap wet blankets around him and keep them wet, and if he does not get better in one hour he is a gone horse—quilts or bed sheets will do."

William Earl Warnock

Abraham Cline Warnock married Mary Wealthy Denney, the daughter of Josiah and Mary (Graves) Denney. To this union were born: Oscar, Leroy, Lavonia and Naomi. After his first wife, Mary, died, he married Christina (Grile) Fetter. There was one son here, William Earl.

Earl, as he was always called, lived in Noble Township all of his life. In April 1906, he married Cora Belle Hutchens, the daughter of William Kenton and Rebecca (Freemyer) Hutchens. Earl taught school in Knox and Noble township for two or three years, but quit to become a full-time farmer. He was always very active in the Jay County Farm Bureau, and served as its president in Jay County for several years. Even after he did not serve as an officer anymore, he still remained active.

Earl and Cora had two children, Leona Mabel who married Frank E. Cline and Waneta who died in infancy. Leona has four boys: Robert, Floyd, Lloyd, and Paul.

Cora died in April of 1931 and Earl later married Anna (Milthaler) Zearbaugh in 1939. This brought one step-son into the family, LeRoy Zearbaugh. Still later, after Anna's death in March of 1949, he married Mary (Grile)(Ramsey) and this brought in another step-son, James Ramsey.

Earl and all three of his wives were very active in the Reformed Church later to be known as the United Church of Christ, at Salamonia. He held almost if not all of the offices of the church, at one time or other. He was always very much involved in the activities of the community and held the respect of everyone. *Submitted by Frank E. Cline.*

Harvey Jay Weaver

Harvey Jay Weaver, b. in Portland, Ind. 1902-1978, was a product engineer at International Harvester at Richmond, Ind. and later at New Idea Mfg. at Coldwater, Ohio. Jay was the son of Miriam Alice Rants, 1883-1935 and Harvey LeRoy Weaver, 1880-1960. Both parents were born in Jay County and are buried at Salamonia Cemetery, in Salamonia. Harvey L. was a forge hammer repairman at New Castle, Ind., and also in Ft. Wayne's International Harvester Co. They spent some time on a farm where he also did the farming.

Mirian Alice's parents were David F. Rants, 1853-1925 and Margaret Cunningham, July 1860-1938. Both are buried in the Salamonia Cemetery. Harvey LeRoy's parents were Sara Franks, b. 1843-1928, and Joseph Weaver, 1844-1925. Sarah was born in Jay County, and Harvey L. was born in Pennsylvania.

Harvey Jay and Ruth Esther Crebb were married in Richmond, Ind. June 13, 1905. Ruth's parents were Nellie Grace King Crebb, b. Preble Co., Ohio 1878-1966. Nellie was a manager of the National Loan Company of Portland for many years. She was married to Harvey Reed Crebb (1874-1958) in April 27, 1899. H.R. was a grocer in Portland for many years. He was born in Preble Co., Ohio. Both are buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, New Paris, Ohio.

Nellie Grace was the daughter of Mary Dailey King, b. at Columbus in 1851-1909 and Jacob High King, 1851-1929, b. Miami Co., Ohio. Jacob was an inventor of many things.

Harvey Reed was the son of Jane Harter Crebb, b. Wells Co., Ill., 1853-1938 and Charles A. Crebb, near Stuttgart, Germany, 1853-1916. He was a railroader. Both are buried at Otterbein, Ohio.

Jay and Ruth became parents of Mary Joyce, b. March 7, 1935; Ruth Ann, b. July 3, 1937; and a son, Joseph Jay, b. March 14, 1943. Their home is located at the corner of No. Harrison and E. Arch Streets in Portland.

Mary Joyce married Marion L. Drill January 14, 1956. They live in Troy, Ohio. Marion is the son of Leonard and Chella Reichard Drill. Chella lives in Troy, Ohio also. Marion, who was in the service for a number of years, is now medically disabled. Mary Joyce is a graduate of Ball State University, Muncie, Ind. She teaches third grade in the Stanton Elementary School near Troy. They have Terry Lee, b. April 27, 1958 in Fairbanks, Alaska Territory. He is serving in the Navy based at San Diego, Ca. Mary Ellen, b. June 25, 1959 in Portland, is an R.N. at Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton. Norman Allen, b. November 23, 1960 in Fairbanks, Alaska Terr., is a printer in Troy, Regina Sue, b. April 19, 1962, is a waitress at the Taco Bell, Troy. Christopher Wayne, b. October 24, 1968, is a student in junior high school there.

Ruth Ann Weaver married Thomas Edward Freeman March 8, 1957. Tom is the son of Orville and Iris Baldwin Freeman of Portland. Tom graduated from the University of Kentucky, majoring in Business. He is a tax consultant. He also follows his father and grandfather as a professional brick mason. They live in Tipp City, Ohio. Their children are: Thomas Edward II, b. August 18, 1957. He is a student at St. Benedictine School of Podiatry in Chicago, Ill. He was married to Linette Hartowicz in Chicago September 20, 1981; Tracy Lee, b. in Portland Aug. 18, 1958, is a student at Loyola College in Chicago; Renee Arlene, b. Portland November 6, 1960, is a student at Wright State in Dayton, Ohio; Andrea Serene, b. Portland December 3, 1962, is also a student at Wright State. She was married January 30, 1982 in Miamisburg, Ohio to David Frybarger; Mercedier Anjanette, November 29, 1970, is an elementary school student.

Joseph Jay Weaver, b. Richmond, Ind. May 14, 1943, is a math teacher at Oak Hill High School in Marion, Ind. He married Esther Elaine Reinhart December 21, 1968. Esther Elaine is a teacher at Jones Junior High School, also, in Marion. They are parents of Elizabeth Elaine, born September 15, 1976. *Submitted by Ruth Weaver.*

Frank Wegmer

Frank and Mary E. (Lizzie) Wegmer were residents of Jefferson Twp. The farm where they lived near New Mt. Pleasant had been Frank's home. His parents, Lillie and Henry Wegmer had lived there all their married life. He spent his lifetime there, and Lizzie lived there a short time after Frank's death, then she moved to Portland.

They had four children, Ruby, who married Everett Whetsel. They had no children, Ruby is deceased. Inez, who married Ralph Green. He was clerk-treasurer for a number of years in the City of Portland. They had one daughter, Roma Nelle, who married Dr. John B. Fitzgerald and they live in Houston, Texas. Their marriage includes three children: Kathleen, who is married; John, a medical student; and Patrick in high school. Ralph Green died in 1967.

Ferne Dumwiddie, the wife of John Dumwiddie, lives in Huntertown, Ind. They are parents of David, living in Evergreen, Colo. and Bruce in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Frederick, the only son, lives in Anchorage, Alaska.

Frank was active in the Farm Bureau and a pioneer in the R.E.M.C., serving on the board of directors for several years.

They were members of the New Mt. Pleasant Church all their life.

Lizzie was very active in church and community projects. She was a charter member of the Jefferson Twp. Wonder Wives. In 1977 she was given an achievement award for outstanding service to Jay County. She died in 1977. *Submitted by Ferne Dumwiddie.*

J. Robert Weinland

J. Robert Weinland, or Bob, as he is better known, was born December 24, 1911, in Liberty Township, Wells County. He was the son of William Henry Weinland and Winona Gavin Weinland. He was educated in Poneto and Bluffton, and graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1929. On August 7, 1937, he married Louise Hoffman of Ft. Wayne, who was the daughter of Forest Hoffman and Nancy Beeler Hoffman of Linn Grove. Louise had four brothers: Howard, Daniel, Stanley and Woodrow, all deceased. Nancy Beeler was the daughter of Daniel Beeler and Elizabeth Ashbaucher Beeler of Wells County. Forest Hoffmann was the son of Peter Hoffmann and Louisa French Hoffmann. Peter Hoffmannn was born on the Atlantic Ocean June 28, 1842 when his parents were enroute to the United States from Germany. His parents first settled on a farm near Columbus, Ohio where he lost his father during the epidemic of cholera in 1849. His mother and six brothers and two sisters then moved to a farm in Jay County in 1856. In 1872, Mr. Hoffmann formed a partnership with Andrew Gottschalk and they started a drug store at Linn Grove. Later that year, Mr. Gottschalk went to Berne where their pioneer drug enterprise was established. In 1907 the partnership was dissolved and Peter Hoffmann operated the Linn Grove store until his death in 1915.

On July 1, 1947, Bob and Louise moved to Portland from Ft. Wayne where they lived following World War II. Bob was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers during the war. He came to Portland to enter into a partnership with Wilbur Sheffer in Sheffer Implement Company, an International Harvester Farm Equipment and truck dealership, (later named Sheffer and Weinland, Inc.)

Bob and Louise are members of the Asbury United Methodist Church where she sings in the choir. She was a member and past president of Delta Theta Tau Sorority. Bob has been very active on the various boards and committees of the church for the past 30 years. He has been involved in many civic affairs which he felt would better Portland and community. He is a member and past president of the Lions Club, past president of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the 4-H council. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his civic endeavors, among which is a plaque for meritorious service to 4-H, also one in appreciation for his work as chairman of the 4-H building fund 1974-77. This enabled the 4-H members to build their own building at the Jay County Fair Grounds. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shring. Bob was instrumental in getting several burned and crippled Jay County children into Shrine Hospitals where they were treated without charge. For ten years he has been chairman of the Shrine Circus Committee which arranges for the tickets and transportation of all sixth grade students in Jay County to attend the Shrine Circus at Fort Wayne.

The Weinlands have two children, Carol, born June 25, 1948 and John, born May 26, 1957. Carol and John both attended Judge Haynes Elementary School and graduated from Portland High School, John being in the last class of Portland High which was 1975. The county high schools then consolidated, becoming Jay County High School, and moved into the new building located on St. Rt. 67 west of Portland. Carol was selected as Miss Jay County at the Jay County Fair in 1966. Between his junior and senior years, John was selected as the American Field Service student to go to Italy for the summer. Carol is a graduate of Purdue University and is at present living and working in Indianapolis as assistant manager of the Meridian Hills Country Club. John is a graduate of Ball State University and is in the public relations department of the Caylor-Nickel Hospital in Bluffton as the publications editor.

William Henry Weinland, father of Bob, was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, on June 2, 1873. His parents were John and Margaret A. Daugherty Weinland. Mr. Weinland was about seven years of age when his parents moved to Wells County, Indiana and there he attended the district schools of Liberty Township. He and his family were prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of that village and he was one of its official board. Politically Mr. Weinland was a republican and was affiliated with Bluffton Lodge No. 145, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

On May 22, 1895, he married Miss Winona Gavin. Mrs. Weinland was a native of Wells County and of a very old and prominent family there. They had four children: Iantha, Robert (Bob), Kenneth and Grace.

Mrs. Weinland was the daughter of Robert F. and Martha (McFarren) Gavin. Robert F. Gavin was born in the city of Galway, Ireland, December 11, 1838, a son of George and Mary (Benton) Gavin, the former of Kings County and the latter of Queens County, Ireland, in the Province of Leinster. Mary Benton's father was Henry Benton, for many years connected with the Customs Department in Ireland. George Gavin and Mary Benton married February 23, 1838, in the Cathedral of the City of Galway. For the next ten years was connected with the Royal Irish Constabulary, but in 1848 the family came to the United States, landing in New York City, and a short time later going to Ross County, Ohio. Here George Gavin engaged in farming until 1854, when he moved to Wells County, Indiana. He died December 11, 1882. George and Mary Gavin had seven children: Robert F., Mary A., Sarah, James B., Henry J., and Elizabeth.

Robert Gavin, father of Mrs. Weinland, early showed an ambition to secure an education, and in 1859 was successfully qualified to teach school. He continued as a teacher until 1871, and afterwards engaged in farming and other lines of business which made him one of the well-known men of Wells County. March 4, 1866 he married Martha McFarren, daughter of Jacob and Rachel (Foust) McFarren, the former native of Pennsylvania. Jacob McFarren and wife were married March. 4, 1841. The following children were born to Robert F. Gavin and wife: George, Rachel A., Mary I., John F., Winona, wife of William H. Weinland, Benton W. and Austin S. *Submitted by Robert (Bob) Weinland.*

Weisel Family

Six generations of Weisels have called Jay County home. First, Daniel and Eliza came from Wayne County, Ohio, and bought the farm in Bearcreek Township in 1872. He was a millwright, farmer, and cabinet maker. They were upright German people, tracing ancestors back to Frankfort.

Second, Isaiah (1852-1929) married Nancy Jane Green, daughter of Salem and Margaret Green, early settlers of Jay County. He served as Commissioner for two terms, having been elected in 1898 by a rousing majority. He was an elder and trustee of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Bearcreek Township and an earnest worker for the progress and good of the county. The family are at rest in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Third, John Weisel (1881-1946) married Clara Glentzer, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Judy) Glentzer, near Bryant. He sold John Deere Implements and ran a grain elevator, on the lot across the street from McDonalds in the north end of Portland, for many years. He was very active in the Church of Christ, being an elder and preacher until his early death. They are at rest in Limberlost Cemetery, east of Bryant.

Fourth, Ward G. Weisel (1907-1981) was married to Leotia Shoemaker, daughter of Clifton and Ola (Rupel) Shoemaker, a farmer and oil producer near Bryant. He was a United States Postal Employee for over 33 years. He engaged in farming and running a combine after his retirement. He was very active in the Church of Christ (Southside Portland) being an elder and preacher. He enjoyed fishing as a main hobby and enjoyed his apple orchard and cider making. He was president of Limberlost Cemetery, where he is buried.

The fifth generation is Ward C. Weisel, born in 1930, and married to Barbara Holland, daughter of the late LeRoy and Elizabeth (Clark) Holland of Jacksonville, Florida. He spent four years in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Randolph, an aircraft carrier. He is a Senior Vice-President at the Citizens Bank here in Portland and Barbara is a Special Education Teacher in the Jay County schools. Ward is very active in all sports, refereeing both football and basketball.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Weisel—50th Wedding Anniversary, June 25, 1977.

They are members of Southside Church of Christ where he is church treasurer. Their children, who make the sixth generation of Jay County citizens, are Lori E. Weisel, who is junior at Ball State University and Randall L. Weisel, a graduate of Wabash College and currently in 2nd year Dental School at Indiana University in Indianapolis. *Submitted by Ward Weisel.*

Donald Steward Weller

Weller Family

Donald Steward Weller was born on February 25, 1895 on a farm near the village of New Maysville, Indiana, directly west of Indianapolis. The son of Benjamin F. and Ellen E. (Steward) Weller, he attended rural schools in Putnam County. On graduating from Roachdale High School in 1913, he alternately attended Indiana University one year and taught school one year in order to finance his college education. In those days a high school graduate was considered to have enough education to be qualified to teach. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University in 1920, and earned a Master of Arts degree in education at Columbia University in 1923.

He taught and served as principal in several schools before coming to Portland in 1920 to serve as a teacher and basketball coach, and was to remain here the rest of his life.

Soon after arriving in Portland, he met and fell in love with the history teacher, Miss Mary Emma Sturgeon, and they were married June 15, 1921. Their romance was followed with considerable interest by the student body. Mary Sturgeon Weller was born February 5, 1892 in Franklin, Indiana where she attended the public schools and graduated from Franklin College.

Mr. Weller became the principal of the high school in 1921 and he held that position until appointed the Superintendent of the Portland-Wayne Township High School in 1940. He was active in civic affairs and enjoyed working with the commmunity. Several school buildings were erected during the period that he was the superintendent. His death occurred on July 15, 1959. His wife followed him on April 26, 1964.

Two daughters were born to Donald and Mary Weller: Margaret Ellen (Mrs. John Hardy, Jr.) on November 19, 1922 and Alice Louise (Mrs. Frakes) on September 10, 1924. Both daughters attended Portland schools and Ball State Teachers College and Alice took additional studies at Wisconsin University.

John and Margaret Hardy remained in Portland where John continued the business, Hardy Chevrolet Corporation, that his father had founded in 1926. They have one child, Susan Alice, who married Robert P. Johnstone, an Indianapolis attorney. They have two daughters, Natalie Hetzel and Nancy Susan.

Alice Louise Frakes lives in Montreal, Canada and has three children: Stephen, Mary Ellen (Mrs. Brian Millward), and Timothy, and all are presently living in Montreal. *Submitted by Margaret Hardy.*

James Carl Whiteman

James Carl Whiteman, retired road construction engineer, has deep roots in Jay County as the Whiteman family settled in Jay County in 1837 when James Whiteman, from Maryland, and wife Mary North, from Virginia, came to Bearcreek Township and took up residence on eight hundred acres of land. Their son James N. and his wife, Margaret I. (Jay) Whiteman were considered most prosperous and substantial citizens providing superior educational advantages for their children, one of whom was Professor J.C.L. Whiteman. Professor J.C.L. Whiteman was for many years a teacher and principal in Jay County. He also served the congregations of Limberlost and Elm Grove churches as elder and minister. Professor J.C.L. Whiteman and wife, Grace Murdick, were the parents of Walter Raymond, Enid Lenore (Edgington), Blanche Gertrude (Sisk), James Carl and Donavan Murdick.

James Carl Whiteman received his knowledge of engineering from Tri-State University at Angola, and was building State Road 27 thru Lynn, Indiana when he met and married Catharine Frances Berry who gave Carl two daughters, Jean Louise and Martha Sue. The family followed him in 33 different moves across the state of Indiana and Illinois as Carl supervised the building of Highway 40. In 1950 he purchased Lyons Construction Co., Inc. and built streets, roads, parking lots and private drives in Jay County, City of Portland, Bartholomew County, Randolph County, Henry County, New Castle and many other locations until his retirement in 1974. His service and contributions to Jay County will long be remembered as he made his motor graders and heavy equipment and men available to the community in times of flood, tornado and heavy snow storms. James Carl Whiteman is proud of his native Jay County and like his forefathers before him worked tirelessly to make it a good place for future generations that follow.

Jean Louise married Dale Duane Hummer, son of Russell Glenn and Nina Lenore Hummer. Dale owns Portland Motor Parts, Inc. starting his employment there in 1946 under L.H. Wasmuth. Jean worked as bookkeeper for her father in the construction office and also with C & C Lumber Company from 1956 and served the company as secretary-treasurer. Jean and Dale have a daughter, Susan, who graduated from Ball State University with B.S. and M.S. in Speech and Hearing; Susan works for Jay-Randolph Developmental Services, Inc. as speech pathologist. She is married to Joel Ralph Johnsonbaugh, also a Ball State graduate and they have a son, Andrew.

Martha Sue married Stuart G. Ronald, son of Hugh N. Ronald, Sr. and Kate Bair. Stuart is President/General Manager of C & C Lumber Company, a subsidiary of Lyons Construction Co., Portland. Martha Sue is Business Office

Manager at The Graphic Printing Co., Inc. From 1948-1956, Martha worked for her father as secretary/bookkeeper in the construction office and occasionally could be found on a Huber Tandem Roller finishing a street or driveway or smoothing the bumps on the football field. Martha and Stuart have four children: Evelyn (Mills), Elizabeth (Daugherty), Carl and Dale. They also have six grandchildren: Melissa Dale, Amanda Suzanne and Elizabeth Catharine Mills; Patrick David Ronald; Tonya Rachelle and May Lynn Daugherty.

We have always been proud to say we are direct descendants of John Jay, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, after whom Jay County was named. *Submitted by Martha Sue Ronald.*

James E. Whiteman

James E. Whiteman, b. Aug. 15, 1799 in Pa., was the son of Christian Whiteman, a veteran of the Revolutionary War from Berks County, Pa. Christian married Hannah Butcher in Pa., and moved to Fairfield and Pickaway Counties in Ohio in the early 1800's. Christian died Dec. 23, 1827, and is buried in Reber Hill Cemetery. Hannah died Nov. 26, 1850 at her daughter's home in Delaware County, Ohio, and is buried there.

James E. Whiteman married Mary North in Ohio. Mary, b. Oct. 31, 1798 in Shenanadoah County, Va., the daughter of William and Mary (Huey) North. James E. and Mary Whiteman were early pioneers in Bearcreek Township, Jay County, Ind. On Oct. 8, 1837, they bought 160 acres of land in Section 15, where they built their home, and all of Section 11, Bearcreek Township.

They were the parents of eight children: Sarah Ann, who married Jacob Fifer; Hannah Bowers; Barbara, who married William Smith; Elizabeth, b. 1833, who married Abraham Glentzer; Harriet, who married Monroe J. Glentzer; James N., who married Margaret Jay; William, who married Jane Wilson; and Susan.

James E. and Mary Whiteman divided their land with their children, both boys and girls. James died March 28, 1873 and Mary died May 31, 1884. Both are buried in the Limberlost Cemetery, Highway 67 east of Bryant.

Spencer Morgan Whittington Family

This family's heritage began in England but the first Whittington to arrive in Jay Co. was Spencer Morgan, first born of six children to George Frank (1883-1960?) and Myrtle Mae Bunnell (1884-) in Juliet, Florida on August 14, 1912. He was active in music and played a baritone solo for President Calvin Coolidge at the dedication of the Bok Singing Tower at Lake Wales, Florida. He worked at various jobs in Florida before meeting Ruby Mae Freeman, third child and first girl born to Frank Clifford (1883-1952) and Alice Idona Byrd (1890-1979). They were married in Frostproof, Florida, April 18, 1936 and he brought his bride back to Jay County and took up residence at Blaine. They had eight children: Spencer Clifford, May 16, 1937; James Howard, October 10, 1938; Alice Louise, September 28, 1939; Billie Jean, June 30, 1941 (died same day); Catherine Jane, January 9, 1943; Lewis George, August 20, 1944; Paul David, November 3, 1945; Richard Dale, July 26, 1953.

Morgan started in construction work with the Byrd family which he continued in for a few years. He then ran a huckster wagon for a couple of years, followed by a position at Standard Brush & Broom. As jobs were scarce and there were many mouths to feed, he was grateful for anything he could find. On March 17, 1941, he began working for Sheller Manufacturing where he remained a faithful worker until his death May 13, 1972.

One of Ruby's main interests was scouting and she was a den mother for 32 years. She received Scoutings highest honor, The Silver Fawn Award, along with her brother, Orville, who received The Silver Beaver Award. They were the first brother and sister team to receive these awards on the same evening.

Spencer married Barbara Vold, daughter of Oscar and Thelma Vold. They had five children: Deborah, Charles, Tamara, Teresa and Jeffery. He was in the U.S. Navy from which he retired after 20 years. They had one granddaughter, Christy Weaver. He later married Valerie Shaw and currently lives in Pinellas Pk., Florida.

James married Carol Stein, daughter of Russell and Erma (Fudge) Stein. They have two daughters, Carmen and Caren. They remain in Portland where he is a contractor. He and Carol are both active in music and sing solos and duets for various programs, occasionally accompanied by Carmen. They own and operate the Westport Miniature Golf Course in Portland.

Alice married Larry Bryan, son of Tom and Helen (McGahey) Bryan. They had three children: Yvette, Lisa (killed in an auto accident) and Gregory. Alice works at the hospital in Paw Paw, Michigan. They have one grandchild, Alicia.

Catherine married John Mills, son of Birchie and Anna Lee (Bennett) Mills. John works at Winchester Mold and is a major in the Army National Guard. Catherine followed her dad's footsteps and works at Hardys, a branch of Sheller Globe. They have two children, Beverly and John II and live at Union City.

Lewis married Katherine Green, daughter of Paul Max and Mary Catherine (Bosworth) Green. Lewis is an accountant and Kay has a PHD in Couseling Psychology. They have one daughter, Kara, and live at Anderson.

Paul married Sandra Bransteter, daughter of Charles and Berniece Bransteter. He is a director of vocational service for the Delaware Co. Association of Retarded Citizens at Hill Croft Center in Muncie. They own Lee's Dept. store in Berne with Sandy being the owner/operator. They have one son, Joshua and live in Portland.

Richard married Lisa Spillman, daughter of Pete and Norma Spillman. He works at Fisher Body in Kalamazoo, Michigan and they have three children: Michael, Spencer and Trisha. *Submitted by Ruby Whittington.*

The Wiley Family

John Wylie was born in 1833 to Joseph (1805-1887) and Margaret (1808-1902) Wylie in Sappagh, Donegal County, Ireland. He married Mary Jane Long, born January 30, 1837, daughter of William and Jane Long, on April 13, 1865.

Because of the potato famine and other problems in Ireland, the Joseph Wylies, sons: John and his wife Mary Jane, Richard and Isaac and daughter Isabella emigrated to

America in 1869. They stayed in New York State for a short time before coming by train to Union City, Ohio, where they left their baggage and walked down the state line to a farm where Alex Porter, who had emigrated earlier, lived. Later they went by wagon back to Union City to get their trunks.

One wooden trunk with the name plate John Wylie is now the property of a great grandson, John W. Wiley of Cleveland. The name Wylie was changed to Wiley.

Isabella Wiley married Alex Porter in the Covenanter Church east of Macedon, Ohio. Richard and Isaac were bachelors and lived with the Porters who had no children. The farm where the Porters lived was later owned by four of the second generation Wileys and was known as "The Porter Farm."

John and Mary Jane built a home just across the state line in Jay County, Indiana. They were members of the Presbyterian Church west of Macedon. John died 1928, age 95, and Mary Jane died in 1917, age 80. They were the parents of six:

(1) Margaret Wiley, born 1866, married James Norris, no children.

(2) Sarah Wiley, born 1870, married Charles McAfee, they had three children: Dorsey Porter McAfee, Sarah Glee (McAfee) Ferner, and Hazel Edith (McAfee) Miller.

(3) Joseph Wiley, born 1871, married Mary Snyder, no children.

(4) William Wiley, born 1875, married Alice Adams, they had six children: Donald, Leson Alvire, John P., Margaret Atherholt, Kathryn Gallman, and Joseph.

(5) Isabella Wiley, born 1876, married John May, they had one child, Carrie Loy.

(6) Moses Wiley, born January 18, 1873, married Bertha May Fennig, born April 10, 1885, daughter of John and Eunice (Dock) Fennig, on April 2, 1908. They lived all their married life on a farm in Noble Township at the corner of roads 223 and 84. (Their son Tom lives there now.) Members of the State Line Lutheran Church, then the New Cordon Lutheran Church, they usually attended the Noble Christian Church one-half mile north of their home because it was so close. Moses taught Sunday school there for many years. Moses went to Valparaiso and Portland Normal colleges to become a teacher. He taught school in Noble Township for many years, was a farmer and secretary of the Fort Recovery Equity. He died December 21, 1949, at age 76. Bertha died November 14, 1965, age 80. They are buried at Spring Hill Cemetery, Fort Recovery. They were the parents of eight children:

(1) Blanche, born January 8, 1910, married Paul Hittle, they had four girls: Lula Joyce Lanning, Marjorie, Olive Watson and Alice Poole.

(2) Morris, born July 2, 1911, died August 1912.

(3) Ruth, born November 8, 1912, married Walter Heidegger, they had three children: Carl, Harold and Ann Murphy.

(4) James Richard, born December 14, 1914, married Irene Shauver, they had three children: Larry, Nancy Koon and Robert.

(5) Mary Eunice, born September 20, 1916, married Elza Bone, they had two children, Lee and Jane Cummins.

(6) Martha Isabella, born August 1, 1921, died August 1, 1952, married Grant Smitley, they had two children, Jerry and Melvin.

October 1941. Bertha and Moses Wiley with children: Ruth, Martha, Mary, Thomas, Blanche, James and J. Mark.

(7) Thomas Eugene, born January 7, 1927, married Dorothy Boise, they had five girls: Anita, Lois, Lorie, Rita and Julie.

(8) John Mark Wiley, born September 2, 1918, married Florence Irene Fudge, born May 11, 1924, daughter of David and Ora (Grile) Fudge on May 23, 1940, and set up housekeeping in Noble Township. Mark has been a farmer and they live on a farm south of Bellefountain on Road 110. Mark also works as a truck driver for J & M Manufacturing in Fort Recovery. Florence has worked in Portland for the past 17 years and is currently employed at the Wayne Township Trustee's Office. They are members of the Portland Zion Evangelical Lutheran Chruch and are parents of three children:

(1) Richard Allen (Dick) Wiley, born November 1, 1941, married Joy Stevens, March 4, 1962, and had three children: Larry Allen, born July 7, 1964; John Richard (Rick) born July 10, 1965; and Kellie Marie, born February 9, 1969. Dick moved to Tuscon, Arizona, in 1973, married Kim Nelson September 18, 1980, and is an electrician for the city of Tuscon. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force, 1959-1963.

(2) Barbara Kay Wiley, born January 2, 1944, married Walter William Paxson August 23, 1964. They adopted three children: twins, Marcus Ward and Maria Kay, born December 2, 1970, and Darla Renee, born August 26, 1972. Barbara graduated from St. Francis College, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and has taught elementary students in Indiana and Ohio. The family now lives east of Lima, Ohio. They are part owners of the Elevator Service Company in Beaver Dam, Ohio.

(3) Bettie Diane Wiley, born September 18, 1945, married John Edward Coldren May 30, 1965. They are the parents of three children: Jade Everett, born May 1, 1968; Eric David, born July 21, 1969; and Julie Donell, born February 28, 1972. Diane graduated from Ball State University at Muncie, Indiana, in business education and substitute teaches at Jay County High School. John is an attorney and politician and the family resides in Portland, Indiana.

Because the Mark Wileys lived in Noble Township, their children attended Noble Township School for their first eight years of education. They all graduated from Portland High School. *Submitted by Diane Coldren.*

Wilkinson

The first Wilkinson's came from England, settling in Eastern states, then came to Preble County, Ohio.

Charles B. Wilkinson married Elizabeth Evans. No dates available. Parents of Charles Columbus Wilkinson who was born August 14, 1816 in Preble County, Ohio, married Sarah W. Sayrs, born June 23, 1811. They came from Preble County, settled in Pike Township, Jay County, November 1835 entering 160 acres of government land which was covered with dense woods. Being rugged and ambitious, he lived to make a comfortable home and enjoy it in his old age. He passed away in 1884, and, his wife in Feb. 1877. Both are buried in Liber Cemetery. Their children were: John Alexander, born in Ohio June 1835, married Mariah Hilton, daughter of Wm. Hilton, born May 14, 1838 in Pike Township, Jay County, married August 24, 1858 in Jay Co. Elizabeth, infant. Margaret, born in Jay County, married George McCartney. One son. Samuel, born March 1840, married April 21, 1866 to Elizabeth Collins, who was killed April 1884, later married Jane Rines. Henry died young. Wm. twin, died young, Sylvester died young.

John Alexander and Mariah Hilton Wilkinson's children: Christopher Columbus, May 27, 1859, married Lydia A. Ross December 25, 1880. Died February 19, 1940, buried Liber Cemetery; James Sylvester, born June 1, 1861, married Lizzie C. Cromas. Died September 1943, buried Liber Cemetery; David, born August 6, 1863, died young, buried at Liber. Sarah Jane Elizabeth, born April 3, 1865, married Warren Watkins. Died August 1946, buried at Liber; Harmon Edgar, born August 15, 1867, married Louisa Hardy. Died in 1938, buried in Idaho; Rosetta Arminta, born October 23, 1869, married Wm. R. Sprinkle. Died July 1920, buried Lancaster Cemetery, near Huntington, Indiana; Ervin Ellery, born in 1871, married Emma Stratton. Died September 1945, buried at Liber; Playfork Buschire, born October 12, 1873, married Vonia Hardy. Died in North Dakota, buried there in 1915; Clara Belle, born in 1876, married Silas J. Upp. Died December 21, 1911, buried in Liber; Jesse Garfield, born September 4, 1879, married Margaret Cummins. Died February 8, 1960, buried Calumet Cemetery, Crown Point, Indiana; Myrtle America, born September 15, 1883, died May 15, 1903, buried Liber Cemetery.

Thirty-one grandchildren have been born, only two now living in Jay County, Mrs. Mabel Hogg and Mrs. Glenna Ogan. *Submitted by Mabel Hogg.*

The Darwin Jay Williamson Family

Darwin Jay Williamson was born April 13, 1901 in Salamonia, Indiana, the son of Nelson Robb and Gertie Viola (McBride) Williamson. Darwin graduated from Portland High School in 1921. He then went on to graduate from Automobile School in Detroit, Michigan and then from Embalming School at Indianapolis. Darwin then joined his father Nelson as a funeral director with the Williamson Funeral Home. Darwin later became a partner in the firm and continued this work until his death on January 26, 1972. He was a member of the Portland Kiwanis Club and the Odd Fellows Club of Portland. He served as Lt. Governor of Kiwanis International Indiana District in 1958.

1960—Darwin and Alta Williamson

Darwin was married to Alta May Orr on September 6, 1925 at the Portland United Brethern Church. Both were members of this church, and it is today known as the Trinity United Methodist Church and is located on South Meridian Street in Portland. Their marriage was the first wedding performed in the church by Rev. Jesse H. Nall, Pastor. Alta was the daughter of William Albert and Anna Evaline (Walter) Orr. She worked at the Knocker Shirt Factory and then the Jay Garment Co. before her marriage. She attended Karney School in Jackson Township, Jay County and Poling High School. A few years later she graduated from Wayne Beauty College in Ft. Wayne and opened her own shop, the Williamson Beauty Shop at 211 W. High Street. She operated her business for 25 years. All during her married life she helped her husband with the funeral home, where she served as a lady attendant. All told, she helped in the funeral business for 55 years. She maintained her husband's interest in the firm for nine and one-half years following his death.

Darwin and Alta Williamson had five sons:

(1) Darwin Hamor Williamson, born October 28, 1927, is married to June Marie Platt. They have twin daughters: Cynthia Darlene who is married to Fred Pries, and Christine Irene is teaching school at Warsaw, In. They also have three sons: Sidney Wayne who is married to Jackie Gierhart; Jed Allen who is married to Susan Coy and they have two children, Jaxon Scott, born August 10, 1980, Stephanie Lynn, born January 13, 1982. Rodney Keith is still at home and in the third grade at General Shanks School.

(2) Verl Duane Williamson, born January 16, 1929. Verl has never married and is employed at the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home.

(3) Leoris Jay Williamson, born November 8, 1930, is married to Betty Jean White. They have four sons: Kevin Duane who is married to Marilyn Langferman; Mark Alan; Brian Keith; and Tracy Wayne.

(4) William Albert Williamson, born November 18, 1936, is married to Patsy Sue Bond. They have six children: Ginger Lynn; Brenda Sue; Bruce Alden who is married to Tammy Friend and they have a daughter, Sophea Loren, born January 6, 1982; and Anita May who passed away December 27, 1979.

(5) Darrel Nelson Williamson, born February 23, 1938, is married to Faye Irene Evans. They are the parents of three children: Denise Ann who is married to Thomas Borders;

Ricky Dea; and Michael Wayne. *Submitted by Alta Williamson.*

Nelson R. Williamson Family

Nelson R. Williamson, son of Ross and Hannah McKinley Williamson, was born in Hancock, Ohio in 1872. He came with his parents to Jay County at the age of six. He was educated in the rural public schools and received higher education at the Portland Normal School and at Valparaiso University. For ten years he was engaged as a teacher in the district schools. On August 5, 1899 he and Gertie Viola McBride were joined in marriage. She was the daughter of Stephen A. and Emma (Learch) McBride, born in Crawford County, Ohio and was nine years of age when she came with her parents to Jay County.

Nelson and Gertie began housekeeping in Salamonia where he taught the last three years of his teaching career. In 1904 they moved to Portland where he entered the farm implement and fence business with G.E. Wilhelm. The partners sold their business in 1906. Mr. Williamson then bought the J.S. Hines interest in the Hines and Stolz undertaking establishment. A year later the partnership expanded to include F.A. Straley and also incorporated the old established Cring furniture store and continued as Stoltz, Williamson and Straley. Two years later Mr. Stoltz sold his interest. The remaining partners continued the business for two years, then sold the furniture department devoting themselves to undertaking. In 1912 Mr. and Mrs. Williamson bought out Mr. Straley's interest and became sole owners of the Shadow Lawn Funeral Home. Nelson had long been interested in undertaking and had been schooled for the profession. However, it was the personal attributes of these two people that fostered growth of the business. Both Nelson and Gertie were genuinely warm and friendly. Their compassion and concern for bereaved families was known and appreciated throughout the area. They established a standard of service and a code of ethics that continues to influence the mortician profession.

Gertie and Nelson Williamson were charter members of the First United Brethren Evangelical Church (now United Methodist). The fiftieth anniversary book of the Church was dedicated to this couple for their continuous staunch support. Mr. Williamson fulfilled a life-long desire when he and son Darwin visited in Jerusalem while his daughter and son-in-law were in Beirut, Lebanon. Nelson was a Free Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd fellows, Knights of Pythias, and Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He was an honored member of the Kiwanis Club.

The Shadow Lawn Funeral Home was established on the birth site of Elwood Haynes. On the lawn, Mr. Williamson erected the first memorial to the famous industrialist and inventor.

Nelson Williamson was treasurer of the executive committee and a main supporter of Portland and Jay County's Centennial celebration in 1936. He was founder of the Golden Wedding Club organized in 1950. This club was composed of Jay County citizens who had achieved the half-century mark in marriage. It was a popular organization of enthused members and remained active through the decade following its founding.

Gertie and Nelson Williamson

Nelson and Gertie Williamson had four children:

(1) Darwin J. Williamson (1901-1972). Darwin became a partner in the family business. He married Alta Orr in 1925. She assisted her husband in business. Their sons remain in the Portland area. Hamor (1927) is a contractor; Verl (1929) is a member of the family business; Leoris (1930) contractor; William (1936) is a fireman and Darrell (1938) is a draftsman.

(2) Juanita Williamson (1904) married Nelson Hindsley, Union City Motors. They had three children: Eileen Sheely (1933) laboratory technician in Wayne County; Sharon Williams (1937) and Dennis Hindsley (1939) Union City Motors, Union City.

(3) Nadine Williamson (1908) a graduate of Ball State University, taught in the county school system for 18 years. She married Paul Spencer who became a partner in the family business until retirement in 1980. The Spencer children include: Allen (1937) assistent school superintendent at Circleville, Indiana; Kay Spencer Williams (1939), Portland; and Donald Spencer (1943). The latter now heads the Williamson-Spencer Funeral Home.

(4) Kathleen Williamson (1911) became a registered nurse. She married Noel T. Myers in 1934. They have five children: Emma Lou Bocook (1936) R.N., Muncie resident; Judith Ann McFarland (1939) teacher, Muncie resident; David Max Myers (1945) career officer U.S.A.F.; Ronald Dean Myers (1937) career officer U.S.A. Armor; Carla Mae Wilson, (1949) Greene Township, Jay County. *Submitted by Jane Ann Spencer.*

The Williams Family

Robert and Gwen (Cadwalder) Williams emigrated from Merion, Wales, to Goshen, Pennsylvania, about 1700. Quaker meetings were held in their home until a suitable building could be erected.

A son, Lewis, was one of nine children born to this union. Lewis and his wife Ann lived all of their lives in Pennsylvania. Reportedly Lewis died at the age of 93 in the same house where he had been born.

Thomas, son of Lewis and Ann Williams, was born in Pennsylvania in 1765 and died in 1847. He married Prudence Reynolds who died in 1849. They moved from

Pennsylvania to Ohio where Prudence supposedly rode horseback from Barnesville, Ohio, to Redstone, Pennsylvania, a distance of about one hundred miles, to obtain fruit trees which she planted herself on a farm later owned by Peter Sears. According to a poem written by a Sears descendant, the tree was blown down in 1896 after serving as a "land mark" for many years.

Thomas and Prudence evidently moved from Ohio to Georgia since their fifth child, George, was born near Augusta in 1799. According to family tradition, George broke with his family over the slavery issue, left Georgia, and returned to Belmont County, Ohio, where he married Rachael White in 1822.

George and Rachael Williams were the first of the Williams line to come to Jay County, Indiana, settling here in October 1842, arriving on the twenty-second day of their journey. They eventually settled in Jackson Township and raised a family of 11 children. They are both buried in West Grove Cemetery in Penn Township, Jay County.

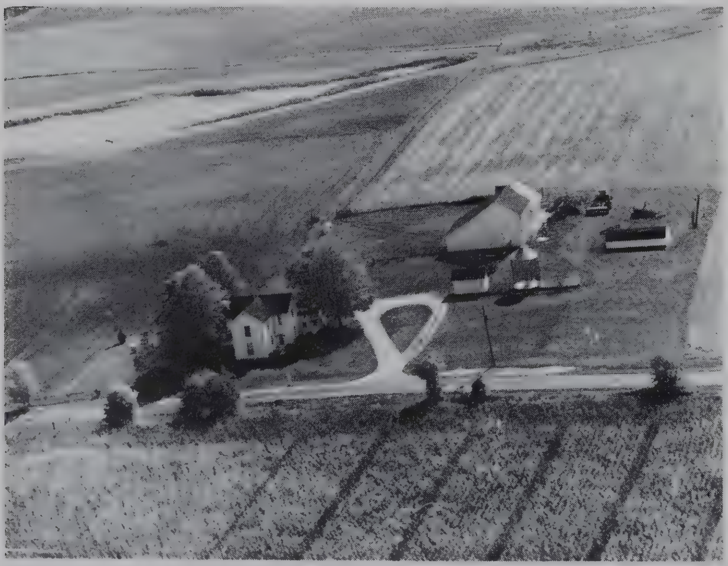
James, the fifth child of George and Rachael, was born and raised in Jay County. In 1857 he married Hannah Rigby who had come to Jay County as a four year old child with her parents in 1838 from Columbia County, Ohio.

James enlisted and served in Company I 130th Indiana during the Civil War and was honorably discharged in Detroit, Michigan, July 23, 1865. As a result of hardship and exposure during the Civil War, James died in November 1869 leaving his widow Hannah with the responsibility of rearing eight children. Hannah died in 1916 and both are buried in West Grove Cemetery, Penn Township.

Miles Milburn, son of James and Hannah, was born in September 1854 in Jackson Township, the second child of a family of eight children. Much of the burden of providing for his seven brothers and sisters fell on him.

He married Rosella Haines, daughter of Isaac and Mary Haines, in 1876. This was a unique ceremony because all participants were on horse back. The relatives were all assembled at the bride's home awaiting the arrival of the minister. When he didn't make his appearance, the bride and groom left on their horses to find him. They met him in the middle of the road where they decided to be married and returned to inform the waiting relatives and friends.

Miles spent most of his life farming in Jackson Township except for eight years spent homesteading in Hitchcock County in western Nebraska and a short time operating a general store in Petroleum in Wells County, Indiana.



Williams Farm, fall of 1976

He passed away in 1940, and he and Rosella are buried in West Grove Cemetery in Penn Township.

Four children were born to this union, but only one lived beyond 18 years of age. This was the oldest child, Charles Albertis. He was born in Jackson Township in October 1877 and spent most of his life farming in Jackson Township except the eight years he spent in Nebraska with his parents.

He had learned to walk before leaving for Nebraska, but during the long trip there he forgot how to walk and had to learn all over again.

He married Goldie Hunt, daughter of Warner and Harriet Hunt, in 1898, and to this union were born six children, one dying in infancy. The surviving children of Charles and Goldie are: Violet, Thera, Velda, Kenneth, and Max, who were all raised in the family home in Jackson Township.

Charles and Goldie spent the last few years of semi-retirement in Berne, Indiana, where both passed away. He died in June 1956, and she died in December 1977. Both are buried, along with the infant son, in the MRE Cemetery west of Berne. They were life-long members of the Friends Church.

Charles Kenneth, son of Charles and Goldie, was born in Jackson Township in January 1914. He has spent most of his life here in Jay County except for some six years in college and employment elsewhere. His primary occupation was teaching, mostly in Jay County, from which he retired in 1979.

He married Frances Dafforn (Ft. Wayne) in 1942, and they have three children and two grandsons. Their children are: Gary Lynn, Karen Kay, and Sharilyn. Gary married Connie Jellison in 1968. They now live in Portland, Indiana, where he operates the House of Time and she teaches in the Jay School Corporation.

The Williams home place is still occupied by Kenneth and Frances and has been in the Williams family for over eighty years. It has come to feel like home and holds many memories. *Submitted by Kenneth Williams.*

Wilson

Rev. Seth Wilson, 1813, married Isabell Johnson, b. 1818. Their children werre: Robert, 1837; Elvira, 1838; Almira, 1841; Elizabeth, 1843; Andrew J., 1845; Joseph B., 1847; Alexander, 1848; James Norton, 1850; Rebecca Jane, 1853; N.H., 1854; George A., 1856; A.M., 1858; Mary I., 1860.

Andrew Jackson Wilson married Elizabeth Catherine Davidson. Their children were: Harl Kenneth, 1871; Joseph Arthur; Ina E.; Lulu Mabel; Jessie Berniece, b. 1884.

Curtis Wolfe Family

Curtis Wolfe (1871-1932) was born in section 11 of Harrison Township, Preble County, Ohio, the son of Daniel (1804-1885) and Mary Baker Wolfe (1832-l1897). Daniel was a native of Old Cocalice Township in Lancaster Co. and Mary was born in Preble Co., Ohio.

Curtis was employed a number of years by the gas company.

Curtis married Mary Permelia Sadler (1878-1963) who was the only child of John W. and Sharlotte I. Scruggs Sadler (1858-1935). The Scruggs and Sadler families are natives of Virginia and descended from James City settlers of 1635-6.

To this union were born four children. The eldest, Carl Orlando (1896-1981) married L. Beatrice Roush (1905-1977) and moved to Adams County. They raised nine children. The second child, Mabel, was stillborn in 1897. William Garland (1902-1972) married Grace Mabel Burroughs (1903-) and moved to Steuben County, Indiana. They raised two children. The youngest, Flora Isabelle Stucky (1908-) married Oren Stucky and lives in Portland. They raised one daughter. *Submitted by Janice Stucky.*

The Jesse Wyrick Family

Henry Johnson (Jack) Wyrick, Jesse Wyrick's father, was born Sept. 25, 1856 in Franklin, Ohio. He was of English decent. He was married January 18, 1879 to Mary Louise Hesser whose family moved to America from Germany. They were farmers all of their lives. They were the parents of six children which included two sets of twins.

Jesse Wyrick and his twin sister, Bessie, were born in Randolph County, Indiana on April 13, 1885. He was married to Alta Spahr in October of 1906. They made their first home in Greene Township in a log cabin on farmland owned by Moras H. Spahr, father of Alta. Into this log cabin was born on June 12, 1907, their first child, Ruth Wyrick. Ruth recalls that this cabin had dirt floors, two rooms down, and a loft overhead for sleeping. The family lived in this cabin for some four or five years. They then moved to a newly built home on Rd. 120 some mile and a half east of the cabin. They later moved on down the road to what had been Mrs. Wyrick's home place.

There were three more children born into the Wyrick family: Mary Belle, born January 22, 1912; Maurice Henry, born November 14, 1914; and Betty Ann, born October 6, 1923. They attended the Blaine Methodist Church in Greene Township. The Wyrick's were engaged in all around farming, raising grains and all types of livestock. Jesse Wyrick died on October 12, 1948 and his widow sold the farm and moved to 322 W. High Street, Portland where she made her home with her daughter, Ruth. Alta Wyrick died August 3, 1953.

Ruth Wyrick graduated from Portland High School in 1926 and went to work for the Jay County Savings and Trust Co. which was located where Hunt's Studio is today. She then went to work for Frank Green in his insurance office in April of 1930 when the insurance office was separated from the Trust Co. and was moved to the second floor of the Weiler Building. She continues to work there on a part time basis. Ruth has never married and makes her home at 137½ E. High St. She is a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church of Portland.

Mary Belle Wyrick graduated from Portland High School in 1930. She was married to Floyd W. Pratt on September 7, 1937. They were the parents of one daughter, Jane Ann (Pratt) Spencer, born August 12, 1945. Mary Belle was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and worked as a secretary in the dentist office of Dr. William Milligan at the time of her death on December 10, 1966.

Maurice Wyrick graduated from Portland High School in 1932. He owned a farm in Greene Township for many years. He then moved to Portland and worked for several years at the Jay Garment Co. After his retirement he went to work part time for the Citizens Bank. He resides at 214 N. Harrison in Portland and is a member of the Blaine United Methodist Church.

Alta and Jesse Wyrick

Betty Wyrick graduated from Portland High School in 1940. She married Dale Yaney of Mercer Co., Ohio on July 6, 1945. They are the parents of two daughters: Roberta Ann (Yaney) Engle who is married and living in Atlanta, Ga. and she has one son; and Carolyn Sue (Yaney) LeMaster who is married, and is living in Portland and has two sons. Betty worked for many years as a telephone operator for the United Telephone Co. and retired when the long distance operators were removed from Portland. Dale Yaney is employed by Naas Foods as a mechanic. They are members of the Trinity United Methodist Church and make their home on Manuel Drive at R.R. #1 Portland. *Submitted by Jane Ann Spencer.*

Young

The Young family comes from the northeastern tip of France, the town of Soultz-Sous-Forets, Department of Bas-Rhin, the northern half of the old provence of Alsace. The community is German-speaking, although in 1648 Alsace became French after the Peace of Westphalia, which ended the Thirty Years War; it had been German for seven centuries, although it was a part of Gaul before the time of Charlemagne (800 A.D.). During the Revolutionary and Napoleonic wars, Alsace gave France some of its finest generals and soldiers; Napoleon once said of Alsace; "Let them speak German as long as they fight in French!" Both Alsace and most of Lorraine were given to Germany after the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, and returned after World War I; they were taken again in 1940, and returned with the surrender of Germany in 1945. The early records are in German, and the town name is written Sulz-unter-Wald, or Sulz U.W.

The following information was received in 1968 from

Pierre Michel, Pastor of Soultz-sous-Forets; he also mentioned that all registers before 1802 had been sent to the Departmental Archives on Rue Fischart, Strasbourg.

In 1816 Heinrich Jung married for his second wife Dorothea Schneider, single, daughter of Walter Schnieder, a farmer at Retsweiler, and his wife, Margaret Holzel Schneider. They were married on the 22nd Sunday after Penecost that year.

On Nov. 18, 1816, Henry, Jr., was born to the newly married couple.

On August 5, 1845 Henry Jung, son of Henry, deceased, and Dorothy Schneider Jung, married Madeleine Schnieder, born at Tetschwiller Sept. 25, 1822, daughter of Michael Schnieder, deceased farmer of Retschwiller, and his wife, Dorothy Schuler Schnieder.

Henry and Madeleine's first son, born April 11, 1846, was named Henri III. Jacob was born Sept. 4, 1847; Magdalene was born Aug. 4, 1849; and Barbara was born Dec. 4, 1850. Another daughter was also born and burned to death just before they left for America in March 1851.

On arrival in America, they settled in Oneida Co., N.Y., where Magdalene died Nov. 1, 1851; Salomea was born Sept. 27, 1852, and Magdalena June 22, 1854; this second Magdalena died Nov. 9, 1858, also in Oneida Co., N.Y.; the youngest child, Carolina, was born May 27, 1862 in Ashland Co., Ohio. The family's last name, Jung, was changed to Young.

From Ashland County, the Youngs moved to Jay County, Indiana, by Jan. 1877, settling in Sec. 29, Bearcreek Twp. Henry Young III married Anna Huey in Jay County, Ind., March 19, 1878. The daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Wheeler Huey, she was born in Jay Co., Ind., Nov. 16, 1854. Her grandparents were Jonas and Anna Fry Huey and James and Nancy Patterson Wheeler. Jonas Huey died in George Twp., Fayette Co., Pa. before his father, also Jonas, died in June 1849. The first Jonas' wife's name is not known. Anna Fry was born in Pennsylvania and died in Jay Co., Ind. June 24, 1889, aged 86 years, 7 months, and 14 days. Her father was Simon Peter Fry.

Elizabeth Wheeler's father, James, was born in 1806 in Maryland, and died in Jay Co., Aug. 6, 1882, aged 76 years, 2 months, and 19 days. Her mother, Nancy Patterosn Wheeler, was born in 1807 in Kentucky, and died in Jay Co., Ind., Feb. 11, 1897, aged 90 years, and 27 days. Her parents were George W. Patterson, who died in September 1960 in Jay Co., Ind. and Mary KorHaney Patterson.

Henry and Anna Young had three daughters: Myrtle, who died Nov. 21, 1900, aged 13 years, 1 month and 2 days; Pearl, who married Wiley A. McLaughlin; and Elizabeth (Lizzie), who married David W. Glentzer. *Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. B. Gordon Glentzer.*

John G. Young Family

John Griffith Young was born in Portland, Indiana on June 3, 1933 to Roy Dwight Young and Mary Elizabeth Easterday Young. He graduated from Portland High School in 1951 and from Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana in 1955. After one year at Princeton University in graduate school and a tour of duty in the army he married Gretchen Schultze of Dayton, Ohio on June 27, 1957. Gretchen also graduated from Earlham College. They lived in Greene Twp. for 11 years and then moved to Wayne Twp.

They are the parents of four children: Rebecca Hilinda, born May 23, 1959. She graduated in 1981 from Earlham College; Melissa, born July 27, 1960. She will graduate from Earlham college in 1982; Jennifer, born November 3, 1967, is a student at East Jay Jr. High and John David, born April 6, 1970, is a student at Gen. Shank Elementary.

John has been employed by the Jay Garment Company for 25 years and now holds the position of president. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a director of the Peoples Bank of Portland and Redkey, Indiana and a member of Rotary. John is past chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee of the American Apparel Manufactures Association. Currently he is on the board and a member of the Executive Committee of the American Apparel Manufactures Association. *Submitted by Gretchen Young.*

Mary Elizabeth (Easterday) Young

Mary Elizabeth Easterday Young was born on September 13, 1910 at 408 East Main Street, Portland, Indiana, in the same house in which her mother was born. The house was built by her great uncle, Nathan Byrd Hawkins Jr. Her parents were Orville R. and Esther Griffith Easterday. Her great, great grandfather Nathan Byrd Hawkins, son of John J. Hawkins the second pioneer settler in Jay County, represented Jay and Adams counties in the legislature in 1842 and was a member of the second Indiana Constitutional Convention in 1850.

Mary graduated from Portland High School in 1927. She attended Earlham College where she was graduated with an A.B. degree in 1931 and Ball State University where she received an M.A. degree in Sociogy in 1960.

She was a leader in many community affairs and was instrumental in launching many social service and philanthropic projects. Organizations to which she contributed her talents included the Girl Scouts, Red Cross, Jay County Council of United Church Women, School For Special Education, both the state and county associations for Mental Health, The Citizens Advisory Council and the Portland Park and Recreation Commission. She gave much of her time to the Red Cross in its work with families of members in the armed services. She also devoted time to juvenile problems where she worked closely with the Judge, Sheriff, Jay County Probation Officer and the Portland Police Department.

Mrs. Young loaned her former family home at 408 East Main Street for the use of the Council of Church Women as a clothing center.

She was a member and ruling elder of the First Presbyterian Church. She was active in the church for many years in the roles of choir member, teacher and social worker. She was also a member of Tri-Kappa Sorority and the Musical Club.

In addition to her interests in the field of social service, she demonstrated her business ability in many ways. For several years she managed the herd of Jersey Cattle at Limberlost Farm and under her direction the herd received outstanding recognition in the area.

Mary received special recognition at the 9th Annual Jay County Achievement Banquet in 1959. The tribute paid to her at that time read in part, "Mary Young is a loving wife and mother and a devoted and understanding friend. She is

Mary Easterday Young

Roy Dwight Young

sensitive to the needs of people who have problems and pours out her love and affection to all of them. She has deep spiritual resources which make it possible for her to see "That of God" in everyone. Portland and Jay County honor her and recognize the good she does for the community."

Mary Easterday and Dwight Young were married June 27, 1931. Their children are: John, Rebecca, Philip, Thomas and Phyllis. John is married to Gretchen Schultze and their children are: Rebecca Hilinda, Melissa, Jennifer and John David. They live near Portland. Rebecca is married to Lowell Strohl and their children are Lydia and Peter. They live in Chatham, New Jersey. Philip was first married to Anita Holmes and their children are: Elizabeth, Kristina Young Miller and Amy. His second marriage is to Lori Cox and they have one child, Megan. They live near Portland. Thomas was first married to Mary McClain. They had a daughter, Emily, who died at four years of age. He is now married to Barbara Benken and they live in Point Richmond, California. Phyllis lives in Moore, Oklahoma.

Mary Easterday Young died at the Jay County Hospital on March 30, 1966. Her body was cremated and her ashes buried on Limberlost Farm, south of Portland.

Dwight is now married to Alice Beard James and they live on Limberlost Farm, south of Portland. Genealogists and historians may be interested in the fact that Dwight's first wife, Mary Easterday, and Alice's first husband, Richard James, were second cousins. Therefore, their children are both third cousins and brothers and sisters. *Submitted by Dwight Young.*

Roy Dwight Young

Roy Dwight Young was born on January 3, 1909, near West Elkton, Preble County, Ohio. His parents were Omar Hendrix and Ruby Wollam Young.

Dwight's family moved to Wayne County, Indiana, in 1914 where he attended country schools near Richmond. He graduated from Richmond's Morton High School in 1927 and continued his education at Earlham College until the middle of his junior year in January 1930.

He moved to Portland and started to work at The Jay Garment Company on November 1, 1930. He held many positions with that company, including vice-president, treasurer, president and board chairman. He was active in its day to day management until 1975 when he assumed a less active role but continued as Chairman of The Board of Directors until January 1981. He was a director of the company for 40 years and was named a director emeritus and honorary chairman of the board in 1981. He was also active in the apparel industry serving as a director and treasurer of The American Apparel Manufacturers Association.

Dwight also served as a director of The Citizens Bank of Portland for many years, becoming a director emeritus in 1981. He is also a director of The Graphic Printing Company, publisher of The Commercial-Review.

He has been on the board of The Portland Foundation for many years and served as treasurer for five years. He is a past president and fifty year member of The Portland Rotary Club.

Dwight has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Portland for over fifty years and one of its elders for most of that time.

He has been a trustee of Earlham College since 1951 and served as chairman of that board for five years. In 1974, when he was named an Honorary Life-Time Trustee, the following statement was released by the college; "During Dwight's years on the Board his contributions to the important decisions of the College and his personal assistance to the President and other administrative officers were numerous.....Young was responsible for helping Earlham College establish an office of development and gave strong leadership in financial matters."

Dwight has made a furher contribution to independent higher education in Indiana by serving on the Board of Governors of Associated Colleges of Indiana and is now a life member of that board.

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Jacob Zimmerman

Jacob Zimmerman died in 1945. His wife Caroline Stuber died in 1932. Of their ten children, all are deceased except except Harvey W. who still lives on the Stuber home place on Rt. 3, Portland. His wife Hazel Shaffer died in 1978. They were the parents of four sons and one daughter. Lowell, Carl, Blaine, Dortha, and Earl. Carl died in infancy in 1927. Dortha died in 1963 at the age of 32.

Lowell lives on Jacob Zimmerman's farm and is also manager of Pyrofax Gas in Ft. Recovery, Ohio. He married Wilma A. Snyder in 1944 and they have six children. Thomas is a carpenter, lives in Bellfountain, is married to Doris Walker and they have four daughters: Brenda, Lea Ann, Koreesa and Cynthia. William is a long distance truck driver, lives in Portland, is married to Linda Via and they have two children, Brian and Jannelle. Mark is an ordained minister serving a church in Lawton, Oklahoma. Ruth is a housewife, is married to James Storms and lives in Huber Heights, Ohio. Linda works at Jay Garment Co., is married to Joe Ludy and they have two sons, Stephen and Brad; they live on Rt. 3, Portland. Paul lives at home and farms and does carpenter work.

Blaine Zimmerman is superintendant of Tool and Die at Portland Forge. He is married to Virginia Loyd and they have three children. James works at Portland Forge and lives in Ft. Recovery, Ohio; he married Linda Hoying and has one daughter, Tammy. Carol works at Three D store, lives in Bellfountain, married Russell Gates and they have two sons, Chad and Troy. Susan works as a dentist assistant, married Michael Knight and lives in Bellfountain.

Earl Zimmerman farms and is a volunteer fireman at Salamonia, lives on Rt. 3, Portland. He marrid Sondra Hilfiker and they have four children. Kurt is a student of veterinary medicine at Purdue University; Kimbra is an R.N. and is pursuing her B.S. degree in nursing at Purdue; Karen is a senior at J.C.H.S. and Kevin is a freshman.

The deceased children of Jacob Zimmerman have children and grandchildren living. John H. died in 1962, his widow Edith Miller died several years later. His son Forest died in 1980 leaving his wife Kate, one son Garl, and one daughter Janet. Johns daughter Fern married Jack Mote, lives in Auburn, Ind. They have a son John and a daughter Margaret.

Otto C. died in 1950. His widow Oma Hinkle lives with a daughter Mary Helen, Mrs. David C. Foust in Worthington, Ohio. The Fousts have three sons: David G., pres. of Air Filter Inc.; Kenneth W. is an account executive with an advertising agency in Fairfax, Va.; Douglas C. works at the May Co. in Cleveland, Ohio. All are graduates of Ohio State University.

Otto's son Harold is married to Vivian Ulm,they have three children: Robert is an M.D. specializing in anesthiology, he has two daughters and lives in Spring Grove, Penn.; Susan is an R.N., is married to Roger Moritz and has one son; Joyce Medley lives in Fla.

Charles D. died in 1947. His widow Berniece Lewis died in 1950. No children.

Clara E. died in 1969. Alma E. died in 1965. No children.

Roy E. died in 1965. His widow Bea lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. No children.

Russel G. died in 1948. He was an M.D. in Berne, Ind. Unmarried.

Earnest G. died in 1965. His widow Mary Zehringer lives in Portland, Ind., has three children: Elizabeth is an R.N., married to Thurman Hisey, they have one daughter, Carol, who works in accounting at the Bluffton Clinic; Mary Lou married Gene Franks, lives in Elk Grove Village, Ill. They have two children, Tim works with plastic designs, is married to Barbara Matt and Linda works in the claims dept. at Prudential Insurance.

John J. works at D.P. & L. Co.and lives in Dayton, Ohio. He married Marilyn Wright and they have one son Jeff and one daughter Lynn.

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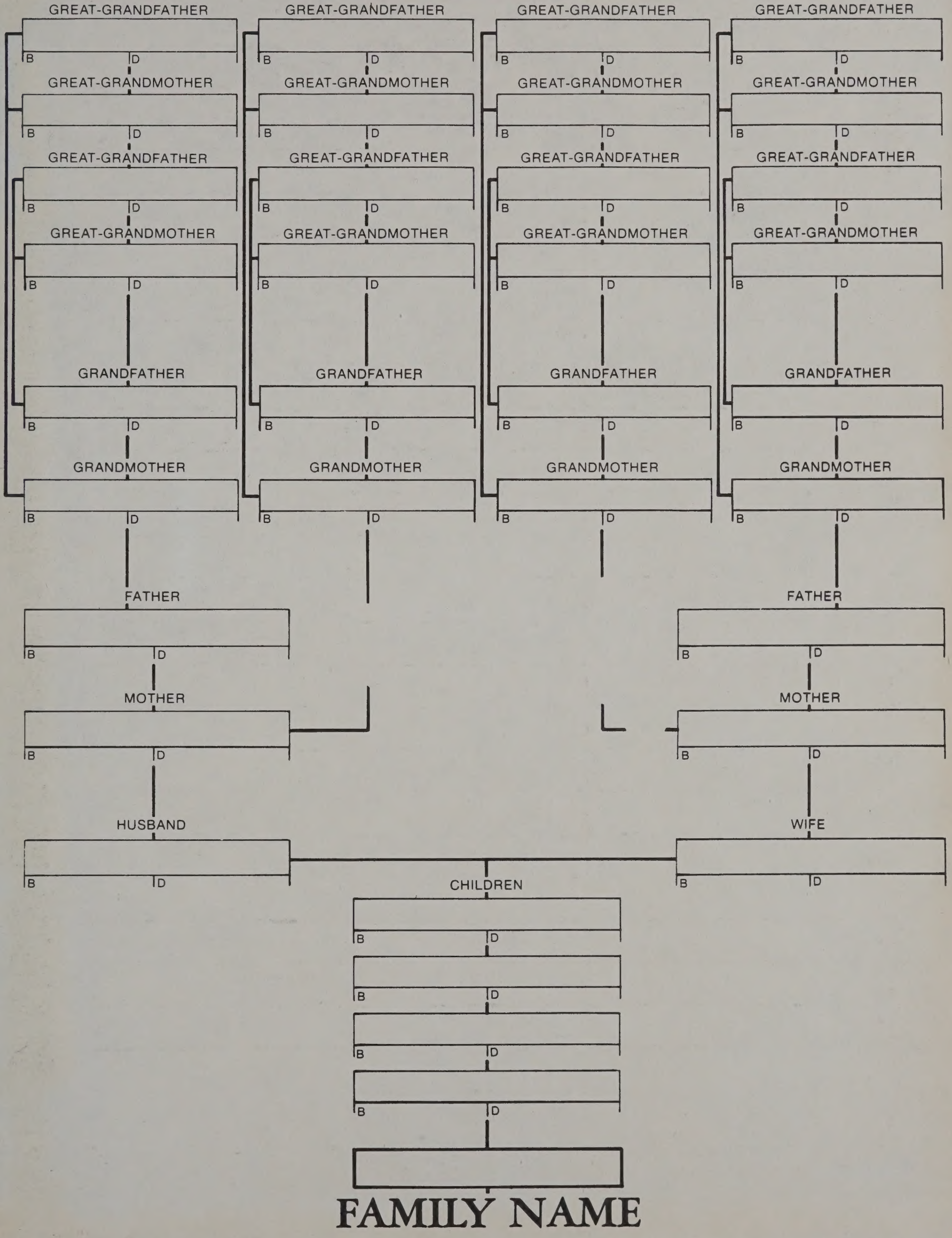
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